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Cost of living soars
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Shah threat to buy arms elsewhere

TEHERAN. — The U.S. will probably continue to sell two to three billion dollars worth of arms to Iran annually until 1980, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said here yesterday.

At a joint news conference given by Kissinger and Iranian Finance Minister Hushang Ansary, Kissinger said that both governments agreed to the projected sales although no formal agreement had been signed.

Iran has been buying two to-three billion dollars worth of U.S. arms each year since 1972, a figure that came under criticism in a U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee report released last week. The committee claimed that Iran already had more arms than it could itself use.

Kissinger pointed out, however, that the estimates for the figure include inflationary factors, meaning the same amount of money will buy fewer arms.

The arms sales were discussed following release of a communique marking the end of the third annual meeting of the joint U.S.-Iranian Economic Commission.

The highlight of the communique was a report of a big increase in the projected trade between the two countries: it will rise for the five years until the end of 1980 to between $50 billion and $55 billion, including the cost of arms and the value of Iranian oil exported to the U.S.

Last year the five-year trade total was $36 billion.

The Shah of Iran warned Kissinger that Iran could obtain military hardware elsewhere if a sceptical U.S. administration vetoed any deals.

At the end of a round of talks with the Shah, Dr. Kissinger heard the Iranian ruler tell American reporters: "If your sources are not available to us, there are many other sources waiting for us to shop in their shops." (Reuter)

Fighting in Tripoli as 54th truce collapses

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The 54th cease-fire in Lebanon's 16-month civil war crumbled yesterday when clashes erupted in Lebanon's second largest city of Tripoli and Beirut's shattered suburbs.

Arab radios quoted their correspondents in Beirut as saying that Christian militias were locked in "ferocious" artillery battles with the combined forces of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the leftists on several fronts near Beirut and Tripoli. They indicated that the deterioration in the Lebanese situation stemmed from a Christian offensive against PLO-leftist forces trying to reorganize their shaky ranks. The PLO-leftist alliance charged again that Syrian forces were backing the Christians, especially near Tripoli.

In Beirut, Christians were reportedly cleaning out the last pockets of resistance in the eastern quarter of Nabaa, where PLO-leftist forces were recently ousted. The Christians said they had detained some 200 PLO-leftist men. The takeover of Nabaa constituted a major setback to the PLO-leftist forces, following the siege of the nearby Tel el-Zaatar camp.

The escalation in the fighting yesterday undermined the Arab League's hopes for the new cease-fire, proclaimed Thursday. The League's special envoy in Beirut, Hassan Sabri el-Khouly, said last night that he and his 2,500-strong peacekeeping force *"just can't continue like this."* He said that without a complete cease-fire throughout Lebanon, the Arab League would find it difficult to mediate.

Syria yesterday shunned the Arab League's plan to convene a four-member peace committee east of Beirut comprising representatives of the League itself, the Syrians, the Lebanese and the PLO. This was the second time in three days that the Syrians had prevented the committee from meeting, reportedly because the League had invited a Lebanese leftist to attend.

The PLO-leftist alliance and Egypt both charged last night that Syria was stalling about the committee until after a decisive Christian takeover of PLO-leftist strongholds in Beirut and elsewhere.

In fact, the Syrians appeared to be awaiting the outcome of Christian-Moslem contacts which began after Moslem leaders abandoned the PLO-leftist camp to rally behind the undeclared Syrian-Christian alignment. Moslem leaders, reportedly representing 56 communal bodies, have issued a statement expressing their support for the revival of the Lebanese state authority and attacking the PLO-leftist administrations set up in western Beirut and other areas.

Unconfirmed reports said that Lebanon's Moslem Premier Rashid Karami was due last night to meet with Christian President Suleiman Franjieh in a reconciliatory conference. The talks would be aimed at reviving the government apparatus in prelude to the transfer of power to a new administration headed by President-elect Elias Sarkis.

At the same time, Syrian President Hafez Assad conferred with *the Lebanese Moslem religious leader*, Imam Mousa Sadr, who pledged to throw his support behind Syria's attempts to restore a Christian-Moslem administration in Lebanon.

Christian leaders have also reiterated their support for the Syrian efforts, while voicing doubts over the Arab League's mediation. The Christian leaders again demanded that the Libyan contingent be removed from the joint Arab peacekeeping force now in Beirut.

Christian militias last night held a news conference at which they displayed two Iraqi soldiers who they said were part of a 150-man contingent sent via Egypt to fight with the PLO-leftist camp. The two soldiers, identified as Sergeant Shihab Ghadban, 25, and Private Ra'ad Khodier, 22, were quoted as having said they were sent to fight against the Christians in their war against the Moslems. "We found out that this was not a Christian-Moslem war but a Lebanese-Palestinian one," they were quoted as saying.

The two Iraqi soldiers, whose company reportedly sailed from Egypt to southern Lebanon, were reported to have been captured during fighting in the Beirut suburb of Shiah.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross over the weekend announced it had abandoned the evacuation of wounded from Tel el-Zaatar due to continued fighting there.

A Red Cross communique said: "The only true humanitarian solution to the problem of the besieged people of Tel el-Zaatar is a total evacuation, not only of the wounded but of the whole civilian population living in the camp."

In Moscow, Nobel peace prize-winner Andrei Sakharov appealed *to world leaders for immediate* action to rescue women, children and wounded from Tel el-Zaatar. He called on them to "use your high authority to rescue those threatened with death."

'Third Man' accused of betraying Israeli spy ring in Egypt

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Justice Ministry is considering publication of the sentence passed in 1960 in secret trial against Avraham ('Avri') Seidenberg-Elad, who was the commander of the Israel spy and sabotage ring in Egypt which was uncovered in 1954. The decision to publish the sentence and possibly also part of the court proceedings is expected in the wake of the publication in the U.S. recently of Elad's book on his own version of what became known as the "1954 security mishap." The book is also being published in Hebrew.

The "mishap" led to the beginning of the "Lavon Affair" in 1960 over the question of who had given the order for the 1954 operation in Egypt. Elad was referred to for years only as the "Third Man" in the "Lavon Affair."

The operation was reportedly intended to dissuade Britain from carrying out its plan to evacuate military bases in the Suez area. Such an evacuation, it was feared, would greatly strengthen Egypt's army, giving it vast logistical facilities and easier access to the Israel frontier.

The evacuation was also urged by the U.S., which was then courting Nasser.

In his book Elad says that the spy ring was instructed to plant explosives *in some public places in* Cairo and Alexandria to create an impression of internal disorder and the existence of violent opposition groups to Nasser. The premise was that this could lead the British and the U.S. to reconsider their policy.

On Friday, Isser Harel, who at the time was the head of Israel's Security Services (the "Shin-Beth" — standing for the Hebrew initials of *Sherutei Bitahon*) accused Elad of having betrayed the Israel spy ring in Egypt and demanded that he now be put on trial for this most serious offence. Harel also called for publication of the 1960 *sentence* in the secret trial against Elad in which he was charged with having maintained unauthorized contacts with a foreign agent with the intention of transmitting security information, as well as with the theft of secret documents from his (army intelligence) unit. Justice Haim Cohen was Attorney-General at the time.

Elad's 12-year sentence was reduced to 10 years on appeal before the Supreme Court, partly because of what was then still considered as his brave conduct in Egypt in 1954. But afterwards he was not granted the customary one-third reduction of his 10-year sentence by the parole board and served *his full term*. He was released in December 1967, 10 years after his arrest. He now lives in *California*.



Isser Harel



"Avri" Elad

In an interview with Israel TV, Harel recalled on Friday that Elad's strange conduct had aroused his suspicion at an early stage. He gave as an example the fact that *Elad waited two weeks before leaving* Egypt after the arrest of the first members of the Israel spy ring in July 1954. Moreover, despite the fact that he was known both in Egypt and Germany by the assumed *name of Paul Frank, a German* businessman, and was later sentenced *in absentia* to death by an Egyptian court, Elad chose not to return to Israel, the only safe place for him.

Elad returned briefly to Israel on Harel's demand. However, Elad's military intelligence unit let him go abroad again, and he went to Germany.

In 1957 the "Mossad," Israel's Central Institute for Intelligence, which Harel then headed, received information from an unexpected source that Elad was maintaining regular contacts with the Egyptian military attache in Bonn, Col. Othman Noori. By a strange coincidence, Noori had *formerly* headed Egyptian intelligence and had been instrumental in the uncovering and subsequent arrest of the Israel spy ring in Egypt in 1954.

Elad's military unit knew nothing about these contacts, and it was decided to trick him into returning to Israel, where he was arrested in 1957. During his interrogation new suspicions came to light, including the possibility that he had maintained contacts with Noori as far back as 1954. But there was not enough hard evidence to put him on trial for his alleged part in the uncovering of the Israel spy ring, of which he was the commander.

Harel said he was convinced Elad had betrayed *his colleagues.* He did not rule out the possibility that Elad had in fact been responsible for the death of Dr. Shmuel Azar, a member of the spy ring executed by the Egyptians. Eldad claimed that Azar was a weak character and charged that he acted as double agent. By this Elad hoped to divert suspicion from himself.

(Of the ring's members, the Egyptians hanged Dr. Moshe Marzouk and Shmuel Azar, and Israeli intelligence agent Rav-Seren Max Benet committed suicide. Victor Levi was sentenced to life imprisonment, and Marcelle Ninio and Robert Dassa got 15 years. The three last were repatriated to Israel in 1968, in exchange for Egyptian Six Day War prisoners.)

Reading from the minutes of the secret trial, Harel recalled that the court had rejected beyond any doubt Elad's allegation that he had been the victim of a conspiracy against him. The court held that Elad had cleverly exploited his false evidence in order to put pressure on the commanders of his unit to come to his rescue. The court also rejected Elad's claim that evidence against him had been forged.

Harel severely criticized the military intelligence (which was headed at the time by Aluf Mishneh Binyamin Gibli, *known as the "senior officer"* in the Lavon Affair) for having sent a man like Elad on such a dangerous mission. Harel said Elad was a "totally negative person, a notorious liar with a sick imagination." People with such an unstable background and questionable character were not likely to stand up to pressure in dangerous

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Assad due to swear in his new cabinet

Syrian President Hafez Assad was due last night to swear in his new government, which is headed by Gen. Abdul-Rahman Khleifawi. The general took over the premiership from Mahmoud Ayyoubi, who resigned last Sunday after failing to regain his membership in the command of Syria's ruling Ba'ath party.

Damascus Radio repeatedly reported that the new cabinet would be officially announced yesterday evening, but by late last night this had not been done.

Gen. Khleifawi took six days to select his cabinet.

Officials in Damascus had said earlier yesterday that six outgoing ministers, including those of Foreign Affairs, Abdul-Halim Khaddam, and Defence, Mustafa Tlas, had retained their posts.

Most prominent among the ministers who were dropped were Col. Ali Zaza, Interior, and Mohammed Heidar, the Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs, it was reported.

The new cabinet was further said to include the first woman minister in Syria's history, Dr. Najah Attar.

The composition of the new Syrian Government indicated that Damascus was not introducing any basic changes in its policies, except in the economic and domestic spheres.



A converted World War II bomber crashed into a residential neighbourhood on Chicago's south-west side on Friday, killing two persons aboard and destroying two homes. The B-25 was attempting to make an emergency landing at Midway Airport from which it had just taken off. Two women were injured in their homes when the plane crashed. (UPI telephoto)



Amin kills 100'

Ugandan President Idi Amin's soldiers last week massacred 100 students at Makerere University and wounded more than 1,000 of them, the London "Observer" reports from Lusaka.

Students at the university were drafting a petition to the administration to protest against the arrogance shown by Amin's son Taban, who was admitted to the engineering faculty without any previous education. Taban found out and informed Amin by telephone.

Very soon afterwards, on Tuesday, soldiers armed with automatic weapons appeared, and began firing on students without warning. They chased the students into the classrooms, raped many of the girls, and threw some of the students down from the upper floors.

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Second Viking probe in orbit

PASADENA, California. — Viking 2, America's second mission to the surface of Mars, successfully went into orbit round the planet yesterday.

Viking II is to join its twin spacecraft, Viking I, on the surface of Mars about September 4. (Reuter)

S. Africa cancels police leave; death toll in week's riots now six

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday arrested 33 blacks in Soweto, near Johannesburg, after houses were stoned on the fourth successive day of violence in the African township.

Among the houses attacked by stone-throwing demonstrators was that of a black policeman.

The police yesterday manned roadblocks on all roads leading into Soweto as part of a full alert which is to continue throughout the weekend.

Sources inside the township, which is closed to all whites, said that last night would be a critical period, but that tomorrow morning, when schools reopen, would be an even more crucial time.

The Soweto police commissioner, Brigadier S.W. le Roux, said last night that everything was now "normal" in the township.

Earlier a police spokesman put the official death toll in last week's disorders in black townships at six, three of whom had been shot. The spokesman said 34 had been treated for injuries at a Soweto hospital — eight as a result of being shot by police. Unofficial estimates say eight people have died.

Soweto schools reported that almost all students had stayed away from classes since Wednesday, when some took to the streets exhorting adult blacks not to report for work in Johannesburg.

Their attempts were only partly successful, and it is not yet known if they plan a similar campaign this week.

The demonstrators were complaining against the continued detention of students after the violence which left 176 people dead in Soweto and other black townships in June.

Justice Minister James Kruger has placed a ban on all public meetings, but sporting events were allowed to take place as scheduled yesterday.

Police leave has been cancelled throughout South Africa this weekend.

Trains were running normally between Soweto and Johannesburg yesterday, *although buses went only* as far as the outskirts of the township.

A report says Mozambique troops, making their heaviest attack yet on Rhodesian targets, have bombarded a military base in the Eastern Highlands.

A minister in Premier Ian Smith's Government said Mozambique troops advanced on Thursday to within 300 metres of a Rhodesian military base at Ruda, about 200 kilometres east of Salisbury along the mountainous Mozambique frontier. There were no Rhodesian casualties among the 40 defending troops, who returned fire in a 25-minute battle. (UPI, RP)

Blast in Hebron; shops stay closed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Security forces last night detained a score of Arabs in Hebron after an explosion outside the city's central "Alia" hospital. No one was hurt and no damage caused.

The explosion occured as a total business strike closed down four key West Bank towns — Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin and Toulkarm — for the seventh day running in protest against the new tax imposed in the areas instead of VAT. Local residents are against the implementation of Israeli taxes in the *administered areas.*

In Toulkarm five rioters were arrested for throwing stones at security patrols. Four people were detained in Nablus for hoisting a "Palestinian" flag at the end of a demonstration.

In other parts of the West Bank business went on as usual over the weekend.

Hussein in Saudia

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Jordan's King Hussein last night conferred with King Khaled after arriving in Saudi Arabia on a surprise visit. No details were disclosed on the talks.

Hussein would also visit Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman. He is said to be seeking aid to finance Jordan's Hawk missile deal with the U.S.

Hussein's call on Khaled was not announced in advance. There was speculation that Hussein might be exploring the aims behind the alignment said to have been established recently between Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Sudan. Hussein himself is linked with Damascus in an agreement aimed at promoting union between Jordan and Syria.

Navy rescues Greek crew

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A navy craft rescued the seven-man crew of a Greek freighter, the Sporkis, off the Israeli coast on Thursday night after the men had abandoned ship because they feared she was sinking.

The men — four Greeks, two Pakistanis and an Egyptian — were brought to Haifa, and it is understood they will be repatriated today.

The ship was carrying a cargo of building materials from Limassol, in Cyprus, to Bahrein, and was due to go through the Suez Canal.

Egged Council to meet soon on holding new elections

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged's highest elective body, the 120-man Governing Council, decided yesterday to cancel all items on its agenda and to meet again soon to decide on holding new elections.

The decision, which passed by a 75 percent majority, came as an unpleasant surprise to the Dan bus cooperative and to the Ministry of Transport.

In the last Egged elections held in May 1975, none of the factions received a majority of the votes. Because of this, internal political unrest has plagued the cooperative ever since.

Several months ago, through government intervention, a wall-to-wall coalition of all three factions was formed, but this did not bring about a political cease-fire in the cooperative.

At yesterday's meeting, the Governing Council was to have voted on a proposal to form a partnership with the Dan cooperative as of September 1.

About 100 Egged members who are due to retire early demanded that yesterday's meeting discuss their issue. But after some heated discussion, it was decided instead to vote on holding another meeting to discuss new elections.

Dan, which was eagerly awaiting the decision to form a partnership, will meet this morning to discuss the latest developments. It is believed that Dan will now demand that the Ministry of Transport allow it to increase its lines, at the expense of Egged. A Dan offical explained that large numbers of Dan passengers have moved to Tel Aviv suburbs from Rehovot in the south to Herzliya and Netanya in the north. *These are Egged concession* areas, and Dan says it must expand to provide better service for its passengers.

Dan had not made its demands public until now since it believed that the partnership and eventual merger would solve the problem. Now that they have been postponed, Dan does not seem willing to wait any longer.

The Jerusalem Post learned that Egged's decision came as a surprise to Ministry of Transport officials.

Once the Governing Council decides to hold elections, they could be organized in three weeks time. The elections are held in two parts: one is for the 120-man Council, and *the internal control and court mem*bers. The second part, which is usually held a week later, elects the 30-man management committee, usually chosen from the Governing Council.

The Government has been insisting on having a greater voice in the affairs of the bus cooperatives as a condition for approving a Dan-Egged merger.

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Histadrut will oppose change in C-o-L system

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will not agree to changes in the cost-of-living allowance agreement, including the allowances to be paid in October, the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Yeruham Meshel, said at a meeting of workers' committees at government hospitals on Friday.

The workers voiced fears that changes were being considered in the way the allowance is calculated.

Mr. Meshel emphasised that any attempt to undermine or change the present system would lead to a fight by workers to protect their standard of living.

The cost-of-living allowance was the only weapon the worker had to protect himself in times of inflation.

Mr. Meshel said that any proposal to cancel the linkage of the children's allowance to the C.o.L. contradicted the agreement.

The Histadrut believed that the repeated efforts to cancel the obligatory clauses in the agreement could destroy all trust in the pact.

A number of workers at the meeting expressed fears that all the VAT money collected from the public would not reach the treasury. Mr. Meshel said that the Histudrut central committee would meet Finance Minister Rabinowitz soon to discuss this.

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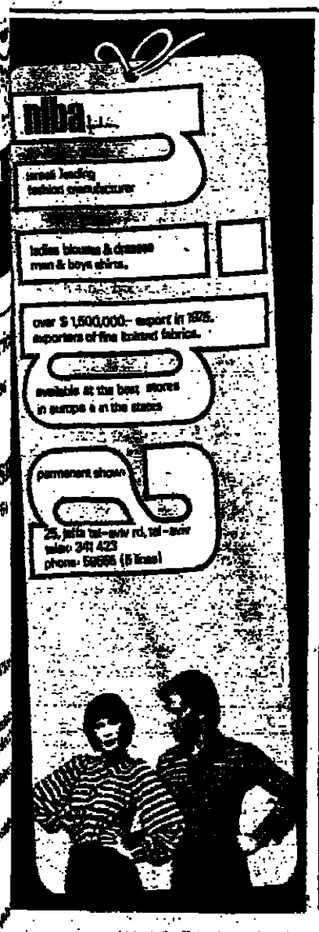
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Social and Personal

Members of the Rabbinical Council of America, holding their convention in Israel, on Friday were guests of Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael and the Ministry's Director-General, David Glass, in Jerusalem.

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The chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, Pinhas Eylon, and its secretary Ze'ev Mellion, met at the weekend with the Interior Minister of the West German state of Rhein-land-Pfalz, Heinz Schwarz.

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The new British Consul-General in Jerusalem, Michael P.V. Hannam, on Friday paid a courtesy call on Jerusalem District Representative Raphael Levy.

Peres: 'Positive change in Egyptian stance'

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — While there have been technical minor violations by Egyptians of the interim agreement, there has been a positive change of atmosphere on that front, with a constructive transition to economic development. Syria, on the other hand, despite strict adherence to the disengagement agreement, shows no sign of changing her hostile attitude.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said this Friday to the 100 Israel Bonds leaders who called on him at his office here. He said Israel's representatives have taken up the Egyptians' violations, with UN's General Ensio Siilasvuo, and have made it clear that all discussions on the agreement's terms ended the moment it was signed and adhered to.

He said settlement in areas which Israel might be willing to cede for a peace agreement is a risk it is taking in its efforts to achieve security through different means.

"There is, naturally, a constant argument on which moves promise better results." He made light of the fact that Government leaders make contradictory public statements, saying it was "part of the Jewish tradition to argue."

But, in any case, "the two other possibilities to achieve security are not open to Israel: the Arabs would not make peace, and a unilateral withdrawal would bring in the PLO and the Soviets to our doorstep," Peres said.

Israel was opposed to massive sales of arms to the Arabs, even if these were accompanied by guarantees that the arms would not be used, the Defence Minister said. "We would rather have no guarantees and no arms shipments. We can assure them that Israel would do anything to relieve the Middle East from the need for arms — all we want is peace."

Asked if Israel would have to ask for American consent to the sale of Kfir jet planes, Peres said: "The Kfir has an American engine, so we are probably liable to seek American consent on that."

Israel has no desire and no plans to change her border with Lebanon, Peres told the Bonds leaders. He expressed doubt that re-unification of the three zones into which Lebanon has been virtually divided was possible or wise. Some 40,000 people have been killed there so far, a million people have fled and nobody can foresee what will happen there next nor what will be the fate of the 25 million Christians in the Moslem Middle East. Israel's attitude depends on what happens across the border. "We have no 'red line' to watch, however, but we have our indication what a 'red light' should be for us."



Crowds saunter through the Khutsot Hayotzer annual Arts and Crafts Fair which opened last night in the Hinnom Valley below the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem. A record number of 150 artists and craftsmen are offering their work for sale. The fair, which runs through August 21, is open from 7-11 p.m. except on Saturday when it opens after the Sabbath and closes at midnight. It will be closed on Friday night. (Rahamim Israeli)

'Third Man

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situations. Those who sent Elad this mission to Egypt bore a heavy responsibility, Harel said.

In an article in Friday's "Ye Aharonot," Ya'acov Caroz says was allowed to join unit 131 of intelligence in the summer of to give him a chance for reh litation. A year before, he had broken to private for taking army unit's electric refriger home and leaving his own ice-bo its place.

Elad was trained for six mo and in the spring of 1953 sen Europe, to establish for himself cover-identity of a German busin man under the name "Paul Fra

His behaviour during this pe aroused serious doubts in his c mander, Caroz writes — he bo an attention-getting conver which he parked in front of Israel purchasing mission in visited Israeli offices daily, and at least six Israelis in Ger exactly what his status was.

His intelligence commander in tober asked a visiting senior i ligence officer to examine the s tion, Caroz says. The officer portedly described Elad as "r less," said he was likely to his cover if he hadn't done s ready, and empowered Elad's mander to send him home a own discretion.

However, Elad was not sent to Israel. After a talking-to he mised to mend his ways, and t last week of 1953 he was sen stead to Egypt, taking his car him.

Returning to Germany af two-week stay, Elad went to a second time in March 1954, ing which he befriended some German arms experts then in country. He also shared a flat a young German named Robert sen. After a two-month stay turned to Europe, but took week pleasure tour before co ing his superiors. He was re primanded for this breach of cipline, Caroz says.

At the end of May Elad's mander, who earlier had been displeased with him, came to to see him and there placed h command of an already existing of young Egyptian Jews. The was for them to carry out th botage actions which later be known as the "security mi and which eventually led to the von Affair.

Passing over the details of ring's operations, Caroz notes Elad remained in Egypt two after the ring's capture, d which he met with Egyptian telligence men and sold his ca then left the country, and aft two-week debriefing in Israel sent back to Germany to set cover-firm, still under the name Frank. He continued operating der this name even after it be known world-wide as that of head of the ring and after Frank" had been sentenced to in absentia by the Egyptians.

At the end of 1954, Caroz w Elad was summoned back to and persuaded by the then-he army intelligence to forge fal ports on his mission in Egyp to give false testimony on w was that had given the orde the ring to act. This false testi was given to then-Defence Mi Pinhas Lavon, then-Chief of Moshe Dayan, and to the O Dori committee, which had be up to investigate the "security shap."

Elad returned to Germany in violation of his orders, kept up tact with deputy Egyptian i gence head Osman Noori, by military attache in Bonn. At th ginning of 1956 Elad was ret to Israel at the behest of the sad, which saw a security ris his continued presence in Eur

Since he was about to leav telligence, he was furnished w room and with top-secret m ments and told to write an ac of his operations. But, Caroz he took some of these docum home to his Haifa flat and the when his father in Vienna fell left for Austria. He was j there by his wife and son.

During his long stay in Au Caroz says, he met with at one Egyptian intelligence man newed his German "Paul Fr passport — strictly against o — and sent Paul Jansen, his f from Cairo, to Noori with an to sell information on Israel.

Elad returned to Israel in vember 1957 to wind up his fairs, and on December 16 arrested on suspicion of prep to turn over information to enemy.

He was convicted in the s quent trial on all six counts ag him. These fell into three gr gathering information while i Aviv in 1956 with intention to the state; preparing in May 19 Germany to turn over inform to the enemy; and unlawfully ing possession of documents wit tent to harm the state.

Caroz says that during his tioning Elad admitted his pa forging the fake reports on Egyptian mission, and also adm perjuring himself to Lavon, D and the Olshan-Dori comm Grave doubts at the same arose as to his real role in betrayal of the ring, Caroz w but not enough formal evidence found to put him on trial for

Cities' business tax maximum to double this year

The Knesset Interior Committee on Friday approved a Government proposal to increase the maximum business tax levied by municipalities from IL10,000 to IL20,000.

The committee acted at the request of Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who addressed the session. Dr. Burg asked for quick action to make certain the municipalities could collect the tax "in time and without placing an unfair burden on the tax payers" by not giving adequate notice.

Although most committee members spoke out against the business tax, the approval was passed by a vote of eight to five, with one abstention. Alignment, NRP and ILP members voted for it, the five Likud members against, and Boaz Moav of CRM abstained.

Moshe Wertman, David Koren and Aharon Yariv of the Alignment were among the committee members who criticised the tax — each of them said it was "problematic," "unfair," and in need of reform — but all of them argued there was no alternative but to raise it "at this stage."

Rabinowitz tells Bonds leaders:

SLOW GROWTH RATE CONTINUES IN 1976

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The stagnation in economic growth which has characterized the country's economy since 1974 will continue throughout 1976 as well — Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz said last week.

Introducing a panel discussion on Friday between the 100 American Jewish leaders here for the 1976 Israel Bonds Leadership Conference and senior officials of the Finance Ministry, Mr. Rabinowitz predicted that the Gross National Product would rise by only 1-2 per cent this year compared to the 10 per cent average annual growth which had been the norm up to 1973.

He also said he expected inflation to continue at a relatively high rate in 1976, with price rises of about 30 per cent. The discussion was moderated by Sam Rothberg, General Chairman of the Bond Campaign.

Mr. Rabinowitz was, however, optimistic about results achieved under the Government's current economic policy which, he said, had surpassed projected targets in the first half of 1976.

Despite a $100m. increase in military imports, he told the Bond leaders, the deficit in the balance of trade would decline by some $200m. during the year.

Mr. Rabinowitz outlined the main points of the Government's Five-Year Plan which, he said, places greatest emphasis on rapid development of industry. He said that investments of $2,700m. — a large share of which would have to come from Israel Bonds — and the addition of 60,00 workers to the industrial labour force, would allow the doubling of industrial exports by 1980.

The Bond leaders visited the Heletz oilfield on Friday afternoon, and climbed to the platform of the newly-acquired deep drilling rig. Petroleum Commissioner Ron Hanrelk and officials of the oil prospecting company detailed the stepped-up drilling programme now being carried out in various parts of the country.

The Conference spent yesterday in Jerusalem, with a special Oneg Shabbat programme conducted by Avraham Avi-Hai, Adviser to Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Last night, the president of the Hebrew University, Avraham Harman was due to address the delegates.

Christians and Moslems brawl in Nazareth

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Six Arabs were arrested here on Thursday after a clash between Christian and Moslem clans in which one Christian was stabbed and required treatment in hospital.

According to police, the trouble began on Wednesday night when an inebriated member of the Moslem Fahoum family allegedly relieved himself outside a downtown clothing shop owned by a member of the Christian Aboud family. The shop-owner reportedly berated the offender and pushed him away.

The following night men of the Fahoum clan allegedly assaulted men of the Aboud clan. The latter reported they heard the Moslems shout, "Let's pay them back for what they are doing to our people at Tel el Zaatar" (the besieged refugee camp near Lebanon.) The Moslems claim that the Christians replied, "You will have the same fate as in Lebanon." It was then that the stabbing occurred.

A police force headed by Nitzav Mishe Amir Perry stopped the fight. But Friday morning police learned that a garage owned by the Abouds had burned down, and they are investigating the possibility of arson. Police have strengthened patrols in the town and Perry, with the aid of Arab notables from both sides, tried all day Friday to smooth relations between the clans.

Emotional family reunions at northern border

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

DOVEV. — Some 150 Christian Arabs from Galilee and southern Lebanon took part in an emotional reunion at the border-pass here on Friday.

Organized by IDF units stationed at the frontier, the meeting brought together families split in the wake of the 1948 War of Independence. Some of those present had not seen each other for 15 years or more.

Also present at the meeting was a Jewish family from Haifa, who came to see the Maronite woman who had worked for them as a nurse some 30 years ago. The family — identified as the Abutbuls — received permission to take the woman back to their home for a short visit, to see the "children" she had helped raise.

Army officers told newsmen that such reunions would continue in the future, and that Lebanese residents would be allowed to visit relatives in Israel — creating a situation similar to that in the West Bank.

The Jerusalem Post was told that other family reunions — on a somewhat smaller scale — took place at the border near Metulla.

The Lebanese told Israelis that the situation in southern Lebanon is calm. There is little trouble in the Christian villages, but people are concerned about the future.

At Sakhnin village in Lower Galilee, some 2,000 persons — mostly Arabs — took part in a meeting organized yesterday by a joint Jewish-Arab association to mark the end of a Jewish summer camp held in three Arab villages.

The camps — held in the villages of Sakhnin, Arraba and Deir Hanna — were attended by about 50 young Jewish students and kibbutzniks, who worked with the villagers in the fields and helped prepare the village schools for the coming school year.

The meeting was addressed by the mayors of the three villagers and Jewish professors, authors and political figures — mainly from the left.

Kupat Holim issuing new drug-list

NETANYA. — The Histadrut's Kupat Holim is introducing a new and larger table of medications this week, the sick-fund's chief Netanya-area physician, Dr. Avraham Avidor, said on Friday.

Dr. Avidor said the new list would include new items, but that some older ones would no longer appear. He added that Kupat Holim will in October enlarge its list of drugs available through clinics in villages which lack their own pharmacies. (Itim)

Reds now rule Rome

ROME. — A left-wing coalition led by the Communists reached agreement yesterday on a government to take over the city's administration from the Christian Democrats, who have held power since World War II.

Under terms of the agreement reached between the Communists, Socialists and Social Democrats, political sources said, the new mayor would be Giulio Carlo Argan, 67, an independent candidate elected to the City Council on the Communist ticket.

The sources said the new government would be formed this coming week, possibly by tomorrow.

The Communists won 35.5 per cent of the vote compared to 33.1 per cent for the Christian Democrats in the June municipal elections.

The Marxist victory came despite repeated warnings from the Vatican that Communism was incompatible with Christianity and that Rome would become a "godless city" under their administration.

In taking over the administration of Rome, the Communists will be running, alone or in coalition, all of Italy's major cities. They had previously been running Turin, Milan, Venice and Bologna in the north and Naples in the south.

The Communists, Socialists and Social Democrats together hold 39 seats on the 80-member Rome council. Their ability to form a government was based on an agreement to abstain by the council's three Republican Party members.

On the national political front, Communist abstentions enabled Italy's new government to clear its first parliamentary hurdle on Friday night by winning a crucial vote of confidence in the Senate.

Premier Giulio Andreotti, who formed his minority Christian Democrat government a week ago, needed the Communist abstentions after failing to persuade any of his party's traditional allies, the Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans, to support him.

After strong advances in the general elections, the Communist Party now has veto power over Italy's 39th post-Fascist government, as well as a number of key parliamentary posts, to give it unprecedented influence over policy.

The Government faces another confidence debate in the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow. But the vote which will follow, probably on Wednesday, is now seen as a foregone conclusion. Parliament will then recess until the autumn.

(UPI, Reuter)

Wedding guest shot to death

ACRE. — Wedding celebrations at Kafr Judeida were marred Friday by the fatal shooting of a 21-year-old guest and injuries to five others who rushed him to the hospital.

The man, Wahid Ibrahim Heisin of Kafr el Mahr, in Western Galilee, was fatally injured from a shot in the stomach. His friend and four other guests rushed him to hospital in a jeep, but all five were injured when the jeep overturned.

The police have arrested a 24-year-old wedding guest from Kafr Sha'ab on suspicion of firing his weapon during the festivities — a custom often practised at Arab weddings, though it is illegal. They said they expect to make additional arrests. Police sources also said that there have been an increasing number of injuries recently from such celebration shots at weddings. (Itim)

Dayan: Australia worried about Soviet build-up

BEN GURION. — Moshe Dayan, MK, back on Friday from a speaking-engagement tour of Australia, said that the country's defence chiefs were concerned whether U.S. weapons would be able to stand up to Soviet arms.

That concern was expressed to Dayan by Australia's Defence Minister and army officers, in private discussions, and stemmed from the increased Soviet presence in the Indian Ocean. The Australians were interested in hearing of the lessons derived by Israel from her confrontation with Soviet weapons systems.

Dayan, whose tour was booked by an Australian impresario, said his reception was extremely friendly, despite the authorities' allowing Palestinians and their sympathizers to demonstrate against him where he spoke. (Itim)

British tennis star arrives today to train nat'l squad

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — British international David Lloyd is due here this evening to take up the post of national tennis coach.

His first job will be to prepare the national men's squad for the first-round European-zone 1977 Davis Cup tie against either Turkey or Kenya in mid-September, local Lawn Tennis Association team manager Haim Landes told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Lloyd, 28, was on Friday engaged in a dramatic doubles match against Italy at Wimbledon in a European-zone final of the 1976 Davis Cup competition. He and his 22-year-old brother, John, scored a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 18-16, 6-2 victory over Italians Adriano Panata and Paulo Bertolucci in a 3½-hour marathon.

However, the Lloyds' great effort was in vain, as yesterday Italy took a winning 3-1 lead against England and qualified for a home inter-zone final against Australia in September.

Lloyd, who has appeared in five Davis Cup ties, played World Team Tennis for Minnesota in 1974. He has had considerable coaching experience both in Britain and Canada, where he recently completed a seven-month assignment in Toronto. A regular competitor on the international circuit, his "scalps" include Jimmy Connors, Ilie Nastase and Jan Kodes.

The Englishman succeeds former Israeli Davis Cup captain Ian Froman, who resigned the post some two years ago, to become Executive-Director of the Israel Tennis Centre at Ramat Hasharon. Froman's predecessor and Israel's first national coach was the Australian, Ronald Steele.

Paulina plans her comeback

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's woman tennis star Paulina Peled (Peisachov), 26, tomorrow competes in her first international tournament abroad for nearly a year.

The opening meet in Paulina's comeback attempt will be the U.S. Clay Court Championships at Indianapolis, which follows 10 days of acclimatization training in Chicago conducted by several prominent American coaches. Later this month, she will lead Israel's challenge in the $130,000 14th annual Federation Cup International Team Tennis competition for Women in Philadelphia.

Lithuanian-born Paulina, who is newly married to local tour operator Eli Peled, made a meteoric rise to the top of the international game in 1974, coming from nowhere to achieve 20th place in that year's standard women's world rankings.

After a five-month lay-off caused by military service here, she returned to international competition early in 1975. However, following some impressive initial successes in America in the Virginia Slims women's professional circuit, her game fell away badly, due mainly to what Paulina described to *The Jerusalem Post* as "the mental pressure of playing the very tough international circuit on one's own." She finally quit the circuit last September, and since then has participated only in tournaments in Israel.

Since May, she has been coaching juniors and adults at Ramat Hasharon's recently-opened Israel Tennis Centre (ITC), and playing with members of the national men's squad. In addition, she worked out regularly with former national tennis coach Ronald Steele, of Australia, now back here to set up the ITC's youth training programme. Paulina's preparation's for this overseas trip also included a strict schedule of physical education with her husband, Eli, 40, who is a qualified sports instructor.



Paulina Peled (Peisachov)

After Indianapolis, the attractive Israeli competes in the Canadian Open in Toronto, where two years ago she reached the singles quarter-finals. Next comes the 41-nation Federation Cup, from August 22 to 29. Israel meets top-seeded America in the first round, with the host's team including top world stars Chris Evert and Billy Jean King. Paulina will then try and qualify for the U.S. Open championships at Forest Hills, New York, starting on September 1.

Should this comeback effort meet with reasonable success, Paulina plans to return to the international circuit on a full-time basis for at least one year, with Eli acting as manager to leave her free to concentrate entirely on playing tennis. Paulina's hope is that her campaign in America and Europe will culminate next summer in a return to Wimbledon, where she has already played twice — the only Israeli woman to appear there so far.

The former Lithuanian junior champion said just before leaving Israel that she feels in peak physical condition after her three months of intensive training. She is also playing well, but of course it remains to be seen whether her game will stand up to the rigours of continuous top-class tournament competition.

The local Lawn Tennis Association has chosen top juniors Hagit Tzubari and Tami Levin, both 16½, as the other two members of Israel's Federation Cup team, Association Chairman Avram Feiger told *The Post* last night. Team captain will be Chaim Landes. The two girls leave for the U.S. tomorrow to play in several warm-up tournaments on the East Coast.

Tributes to 'Yoni'

A garden at the entrance to the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus will be dedicated to the memory of Sgan-Aluf Yonatan Netanyahu — Sam Rothberg, chairman of the university's Board of Governors announced last week.

In another tribute to the memory of the IDF officer who died in last month's Entebbe rescue operation, a Canadian family has donated $10,000 toward a memorial project in the Canada Park overlooking Latrun.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

Military officials would not ment on a BBC report that 50 S African navy personnel were i rael preparing to take delivery missile boat being built at the I Shipyards in Haifa.

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The funeral will take place at 12 noon today, Sunday, August 8, 1976, at the Military Cemetery, Mt. Herzl, Jerusalem.

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Israel's gold medallists at the Paraplegic Olympics (left to right, above): Uri Bergman, swimming; Michal Escapa, table-tennis; Haim Flieter, shot-put; Ora Goldstein, shot-put. (Sussikind)

Israel takes 4 golds at Paraplegic Olympics

RONTO. — Victories in the men's women's shot-put events on day raised to four the number Israel gold medals in this year's mpics for the Physically Dis-ed, being held here.
aim Flieter took first place in Class 5 men's shot-put with a ow of 36.24 metres, defeating ericans Ed Owen, 35.76 and Ray rk, 35.74. Ora Goldstein got Is-'s second medal of the day with row of 16.96 metres in the wo-'s class 4.
On Wednesday, the second day he games, Uri Bergman had won men's 100-metre breaststroke, Michal Escapa took the wo-'s table-tennis gold medal. Is-l also won a silver medal on dnesday when Shlomo Pinto fin-d second in the class 4 men's mming event.
On Friday a member of the Hun-ian team, Imre Szelney, asked asylum. He had disappeared m team quarters the preceding ht. The rest of the Hungarian returned to Budapest late on day in protest at South Africa's ticipation in the games. Poland Cuba also left the games on day over the South Africa issue. (AP, Reuter)



Merhavi — as a young Palestine police officer.

Veteran jail warden retires

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AMLE. — One of the country's eran prison officers, Avraham Merhavi, has retired after 38 years service.
Born in Poland 62 years ago, came to Palestine in 1936 and joined the Mandatory police force years later, serving in various parts of the country.
Among his charges in pre-State were several Stern group, gun and Hagana members — in-ding the man who was later to come his boss, Prisons Commissi-er Arieh Nir. Nir is also due to re shortly.
Since 1948, Merhavi has been rector of Tel Mond prison, head of nile prison, chief security officer the Prisons Authority, and head the Prisons Authority observation re.
A farewell party was given for retiring warden at the Maayanot on here last night, organized by Prisons Authority's educational cer Dov Spector, a colleague of havi's for the past 28 years.

'Few buyers for new U.S. fighter plane'

WASHINGTON. — U.S. defence officials are admitting they may have oversold the prospects for worldwide sales of about 3,000 new American-built F16 fighter planes.
Not a single new F16 sale has been announced in the 14 months since Norway, Denmark, Belgium and The Netherlands agreed to buy 348 of the planes.
The Defence Department had dangled the opportunity to share in a worldwide F16 sales bonanza before the four Nato nations at a time when they were considering whether to buy the U.S. plane or a competing French Mirage F1 fighter.
After much behind-the-scenes manoeuvring by rival French and U.S. officials, the four European allies finally chose the F16 over the Mirage in June 1975. Their deal with the U.S. guaranteed them, among other things, a 15 per cent share in parts-production for any F16s bought by "third countries."
With the U.S. Air Force and the four Nato countries planning to buy a total of 1,000 F16s, the Defence Department forecast made in 1974 and 1975 suggested that "third country" sales could total about 2,000 planes.
But so far, defence officials say only a few countries have indicated a definite interest in the F16, even though its $6.7m. price makes it cheaper than other new U.S. fighters.
Although conceding the Defence Department may have overstated the anticipated demand for the F16, officials deny there was any intent to mislead the Nato allies or the U.S. public.
"I guess there are too many other good planes around," one official said. He mentioned the U.S. Air Force's heavy weight F15 fighter, the Navy's F18 and a new lightweight, high-performance French Mirage 2000.
Iran, the U.S.'s biggest arms customer, is rated the best prospect to buy F16s, possibly 200 of them.
Israel also is reported to want F16s, but only after it pays for 25 or more F15s, which cost about $17m. each. Canada is considering a possible F16 purchase, but no more than that at this time.
The defence officials had hoped that West Germany would order F16s, but officials say the German Government is unlikely to consider any major new fighter purchases for some years because they have bought about 185 U.S. F4 Phantom jets since 1971 at a price of about $800m.
Other countries U.S. officials had listed as prime sales possibilities for the F16 are South Korea, Australia and some nations in Latin America. But none have come forward with offers to negotiate a purchase agreement up to this time. (AP)

'GET DISTURBED DRIVERS OFF THE ROADS'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A parliamentary sub-committee has recommended that the law be amended to enable information concerning mentally unbalanced patients to be passed on to the licensing authorities.
The sub-committee, set up under Hillel Seidel, M.K. to investigate the incidence of mentally unbalanced drivers on the country's roads, felt that the amendment was necessary to circumvent the code of ethics which prevented doctors from divulging the condition of their patients.
It suggested that the Health Ministry specify those illnesses which could cause the patient to be a hazard on the roads, and make it obligatory on doctors to release information on such patients to the licensing authorities. Safeguards should be provided to keep such information confidential.

4 times more for groceries in '75 than in '68

The skyrocketing cost of living

By AARON SITTNER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The skyrocketing cost of living in Israel has been unfolded in a study just released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.
The study — "Survey of Family Expenditures, 1975/76" — follows a similar survey covering the 1968/69 period. It shows that the "typical" Israeli family had to pay more than four times as much last year for the same basket of goods and services as in 1968.
The "typical" family unit chosen for the samples were urban households numbering 3.7 persons. The sampling encompassed 1,100 families.
Last year, such a family spent an average of IL3,870 a month on living necessities. This sum includes an estimated IL850 per month of "alternative income," which the statistic bureau defines as income which would have been earned as interest by the family's current investment in its home and/or automobile.
The latest figures indicate that such a family spent about 24 per cent — IL910 — per month on food; 29 per cent — IL1,140 — on housing and home maintenance; 11 per cent — IL430 — on transportation and telephones; 10 per cent — IL390 — on educational, cultural and recreational expenses; and the rest for clothing, health services and sundries.
These same expenditures six-and-a-half years ago cost a family an average of IL910 per month, the bureau noted.
Bureau spokesman David Neumann told *The Jerusalem Post* that the most striking change since the last survey was the increase in the housing costs. In 1968, these constituted 14 per cent of the monthly outlay, compared with 29 per cent this time. He attributed this to the general increase in home prices plus the fact that more persons now live in owned flats than in rented, "key money," units as in 1968.
An analysis of both surveys also shows that while the Consumers Price Index increased threefold since 1968, family expenditures grew more than fourfold, or on the average by 5.5 per cent a year.
Spending for food actually dropped — percentagewise — since last time. This, says Neumann, is due to the rise in the standard of living, which is usually accompanied by such a drop. The only food classification which showed an increase in statistical weight was milk and milk products, including cheeses.
Mr. Neumann told *The Post* that a comparative study of total family income, before and after taxes, is not yet available.

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Beduin boy dies of wounds

NAZARETH. — A child injured in Wednesday's explosion of a grenade outside the Galilee Beduin settlement of Bismat Tab'un — Subhi Hilf — died of his injuries on Friday at Haifa's Rambam Hospital. The boy, whose age was not given, was one of four Beduin children who had found the grenade while walking in a wadi One, Mahmoud Nimr, was killed outright. The other two were not seriously injured. (Itim)

Car insurance going up 50% next month

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Car insurance premiums will go up between 40 and 50 per cent on September 26 with the implementation of the no-fault insurance law. The new law will do away with the need to prove negligence in claiming compensation for personal injury or property damage resulting from a car accident.
Car insurance premiums were raised 25 per cent only this April. The new increase is due largely to the higher costs of no-fault insurance. The new tariffs, approved last week by the Knesset Finance Committee are based on complicated calculations, which take into account the many factors involved in the no-fault system.
The computation of tariffs, however, will be simplified in that tariffs for certain categories of cars and engines are reduced from eight to four — Dr. Ya'acov Picker, Commissioner of Insurance in the Finance Ministry told *The Jerusalem Post*. Engine capacity will now be the basis of rating engine power instead of horse power (HP).
Covering all damages, without discounting the damage due to negligence of drivers or pedestrians severely increases the amounts of compensation insurance companies will have to pay.
Under the no-fault law drivers will now be able to claim compensation even if they are injured or wreck their cars in a single-car accident. The driver will now also be compensated for pain and suffering up to a ceiling of IL100,000. Car passengers and pedestrians will also be fully insured.
To distribute the increased financial burden, the insurance companies will jointly set up a re-insurance company, which will underwrite 70 per cent of the risks in return for a similar share of premiums.
With Government agreement, the premium rates will go up for the next three years according to the cost-of-living index. After three years the Government will assess the loss or gain of the insurance companies. Thus in 1980, when the balance for 1976/77 becomes available, premiums will be adjusted according to that balance.
The three-year reassessment period is standard in the insurance industry, set by Lloyds of London.
All money in the re-insurance fund will be deposited with the Finance Ministry, with the present voluntary Karnit Fund becoming a statutory body. The fund until now covered such uninsured damage as that caused to a pedestrian by a hit-and-run driver, or that caused by a stolen vehicle.
Rather than having to apply for compensation from Karnit, people will now have the right to demand such compensation legally. The one per cent levy on each insurance premium from which the fund was fed until now, will be raised to one and a half per cent.
The no-fault insurance law will ease the case load on the law courts, because it eliminates all litigation for compensation. The only traffic damage cases continuing in the courts, will be those where police press criminal charges against drivers.
Lawyers are reportedly less than happy with the new insurance, which eliminates lucrative compensation cases for which in the past they were able to take contingency fees of 20 per cent and higher. These fees are now restricted to between 9 and 13 per cent in such few cases as will still come to court.
The insurance companies were at first against no-fault insurance and their Knesset lobby strenuously opposed the law. It is expected that the law will put certain limitations on their profits.
The law was originally introduced by former Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapira and taken over by his successor, Haim Zadok.
The self-participation rate for comprehensive insurance will go up by about 30 per cent in September. Thus, if a driver until now paid the first IL300 of a claim, he will pay IL400 from next month. This increase, however, is unrelated to the introduction of the no-fault law.
No-claim bonuses and *maluses* (the penalties for making many claims) will be cancelled for the compulsory, third-party policies affected by the new law. They will, however, remain in force for the comprehensive policies.

THE "BILU" IMMIGRANTS' first shack, erected 92 years ago in what is now the centre of Gedera, has been converted into a museum of the history of the veteran colony by its elementary school pupils.

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A ROMAN TOY-ROOSTER made of clay, dating from the second or third century BCE, will be on display at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem this month as the featured exhibit. The toy, which has wheels and was pulled by a string, was found at Ar'ara, near Hadera.

French politics takes a summer break, but...

Giscard may fire Premier in fall

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — As President Valery Giscard d'Estaing took off for a safari holiday in Africa, coupled with political meetings with Presidents Bongo of Gabon and Mobutu of Zaire, he left France with a guessing game which will keep its imagination occupied during the weeks of the usual August holiday.
The riddle concerns the future of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, a 41-year-old Gaullist politician whom Giscard appointed to head the government shortly after his election to the Elysee Palace two years ago.
The relations between the two men are now so strained that many political observers believe that the President will drop Chirac in a government reshuffle before French politics get back into action in September.
Giscard inherited the heavy-jowled Chirac from the late President Georges Pompidou, who used to call him a "bulldozer" in tribute to his boundless energy, ambition and taste for sheer hard work.
Pompidou once said of his protege: "If I wanted to have a tumbrel built overnight between my apartment and my office, Chirac would find a way."
Chirac played a major role during the presidential election campaign of 1974 in rallying the bulk of the Gaullist machine away from Giscard's rival candidate, ex-Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas. As Premier, his principle task has been to maintain the loyalty to Giscard of the Gaullist parliamentary group who, with nearly 40 per cent of the 490 seats, rank as the largest group in the National Assembly.
Relations between Chirac and his chief have steadily deteriorated in recent months. From the outset Chirac opposed a number of his chief's government appointments. Giscard's choice of Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, the owner-editor of the news weekly "L'Express," as Minister of Reforms triggered the first of a series of clashes between President and Premier. Servan-Schreiber did not last more than a few days. He dug his own grave by publicly condemning French nuclear tests and promptly resigned.
But other ministers are also the target of Chirac's antagonism — and vice-versa — including Women's Affairs Minister Francoise Giroud, who was Servan-Schreiber's deputy at "L'Express." So is Health Minister Simone Veil whom a recent public opinion poll rated as the most popular — although also the most unlikely — successor to Chirac.
As leader of the Gaullist majority, Chirac has often found himself in direct conflict with Giscard, who has been diligent in marking a break with General de Gaulle's policies based on hostility to Nato and distrust of the U.S. and Britain.
Introduction of legislation for a capital gains tax earlier in the summer provided an occasion for a head-on conflict between the Gaullists and Giscard's finance minister, Jean-Pierre Fourcade. The parliamentary majority saw the tax as a threat to the middle class who provide most of their votes at election time. That moment is drawing near since a new parliament will be chosen before the summer of 1978.
Giscard was visibly dissatisfied with Chirac's refusal to use strong-arm methods to force his supporters to toe the government line. The capital gains bill was passed only after being seriously mutilated by Gaullist amendments.
Chirac is reported to have handed in his resignation in July but to have been rebuffed by Giscard on the grounds that his timing was wrong.
Chirac, who has presidential ambitions of his own, knows that the longer he remains at the Hotel Matignon, the more he risks undermining the confidence of the Gaullist stalwarts on whom his future depends.
Chirac is expected by his friends to submit a series of demands to Giscard which he knows the President will not accept, and which would therefore open the way for a graceful resignation.
But Chirac will not go into open opposition against Giscard. He is expected to bide his time in the same way as Georges Pompidou who, after being dislodged from the premiership by de Gaulle in 1968, waited patiently before staking his own successful claim to the presidency.



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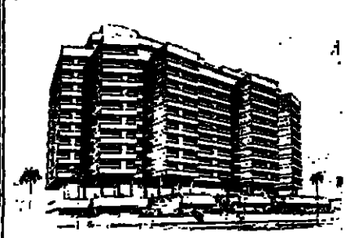
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Doctors suspect toxin in Philly fatalities

PHILADELPHIA. — The death toll from the mystery disease which attacked participants in a Pennsylvania convention of ex-servicemen has now reached 25.

Dr. David Sencer, director of the Centre for Disease Control (CDC), said the epidemic had apparently reached its peak and was now on the downswing.

Dr. Leonard Bachman, Pennsylvania's Health Secretary, said two more people — a 63-year-old man and a 45-year-old woman — died Thursday. Like all the other victims, they had attended a state convention of the American Legion here last month.

No fresh outbreak of the disease has been reported for four days and Bachman said the estimated total of cases now stood at 108, rather than the previous figure of 161.

Bachman said the criteria for recording a new case had been narrowed to include such symptoms as a temperature of 38.9 degrees Centigrade accompanied by a cough indicating a lung problem, and solid evidence of pneumonia.

Sencer said no viruses had been isolated in the laboratories where a cause for the disease was being sought.

Sencer revealed the CDC was concentrating on toxins, which could appear in such common items as plastics, paper, soap, cigarettes, food, water or just about anything the conventioneers came in contact with.

Toxins can occur naturally or they can be man made, raising again the question of whether sabotage is a possibility.

Bachman believes sabotage is unlikely. "It stretches my imagination to believe that there is any human capacity to create such a subtle and effective sabotage," he has said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington said it had no evidence of terrorist activity in connection with the illness or of any drug being slipped to those who came down with the disease.

City investigators checked the hotels where the Legionnaires stayed. The emphasis was on air conditioning systems, renovation work, water, sewage, food and anything unusual.

Three teams of three city employees each fanned out to the six hotels where the Legionnaires stayed. Were the carpets shampooed, they wanted to know. What type of cleanser was used? Which air conditioning ducts led to the rooms where the victims stayed? Are there any rust stains in the pantry?

If it was a toxin, "It will be harder and harder to trace" as time passes, Bachman said. "As there's more and more cleansing and dilution, the ability to detect toxins will become less."

The search for toxins will also continue in the lab, along with continuing tests for viruses and bacteria.

"Now that we are fairly well convinced that this is not a highly infectious agent to other people we are putting it into a lab where we do not have to take such a high degree of precaution for the personnel and the environment," Sencer said. (Reuter, AP)

Ford raps Congress on vaccine law delay

WASHINGTON. — President Ford, "frankly dumbfounded" that the U.S. Congress has failed to pass a swine flu vaccine insurance plan, called on them Friday to act before their summer recess begins later this week.

He said he was "keenly disappointed that the news from the doctors in Pennsylvania has led to another slowdown in Congress" on the swine flu legislation.

The report said that deaths and illness among military veterans at a convention in Pennsylvania were not the result of swine flu. (AP)



Army nurses feed a baby born one day after the July 28 earthquake, which caused heavy damage and casualties in northeast China.
(AP wirephoto from Hsinhua)

U.S. Congress expected to toughen laws on boycott

ORONO, Maine. — The U.S. Congress is expected to act by the end of September to change American laws concerning economic embargoes such as the Arab Boycott of Israel, a legal advisor to a House of Representatives committee said Friday.

Roger Majak, staff counsel to the International Relations Committee's subcommittee on International Trade, said Congress is leaning towards a prohibition on any direct or indirect compliance with the boycott by American businesses.

Majak told the Joint Mideast American Business Conference at the University of Maine that U.S. businesses are caught in a "legal limbo." Middle East businessmen at the conference agreed that the economic sanctions have created problems and confusion for American executives.

Majak said the U.S. Export and Administration Act is set to expire within two months, and Congress is wrestling with possible amendments to deal with the boycott. He advised American businessmen negotiating trade agreements with Mideast nations to await developments. Joining Majak in a discussion on the legal implications of the boycott were executives from Egypt and Jordan.

Plans to discuss the issue prompted the U.S. Commerce Department to withdraw its support for the five-day international business conference, which ended Friday.

Following the Commerce Department's pullout last month, the U.S. State, Justice and Treasury departments cancelled appearances by their staff members at the conference.

Enforcement of the boycott restrictions varies among Arab nations, according to Majak. He said it is most strongly enforced by the oil-rich countries.

The U.S. recognizes the right of any nation to impose economic sanctions on another, Majak told the businessmen. But at issue is religious and ethnic discrimination against Americans resulting from the boycott.

The embargo has brought about, "constraint on American businesses that borders on violation of American sovereignty and on racial, religious and social discrimination," he said.

He said that the boycott is aimed at the State of Israel, and not at Jews, and that it often leads to discrimination against Americans. Boycott regulations bar Arab nations from doing business with any firm that trades with Israel. However, Majak said, there are many companies that freely trade with Arabs and with Israel.

He explained that consumer goods, such as radios, are often sold to both, but that Arabs refuse to trade with any firms whose business benefits the economy of Israel, citing construction companies as an example. (AP)

Stonehouse gets 7 years for fraud

LONDON. — John Stonehouse, considered a likely prime mini is in jail today — convicted trying to fake his own death, labelled by one national newsp as a "Conman Casanova."

The former Labour govern minister's sentence of seven imprisonment ends — barring appeal — a trial involving his nance, which always kept interest because of the two be ful women in the 51-year-old tician's life.

Standing in the dock with S house Friday was his 28-yea secretary and mistress, Mrs. Buckley, who was given a year suspended sentence for part in a plot to rob his companies of cash to start a life in Australia.

Absent from the court was S house's 45-year-old wife Bar who after giving him moral port through the trial, anno she intends divorcing him.

As Stonehouse begins imp ment two matters still to be ded are his future in politic he is still a member of Parli — and the cash in Swiss ban counts.

He has refused to resign his but the conviction for a cr offence means Parliament ca pel him.

The judge who sentenced S house Friday also ordered his frozen, including some $160,0 Switzerland. The money wa support a new life in Aust which was built on faking dea drowning off a beach in Miami rida in November, 1974 and t the identity of one of his Parlia tary constituents. (Re

Argentina, Chi arrest dissiden

BUENOS AIRES. — Former dent Alejandro Lanusse was arrest at an army base yest as fresh political detentions reported around Argentina.

The latest arrests included mer right-wing Peronist con man, two lawyers and a jour according to military govern sources. The detentions raised least 13 the number of politic rests in three days.

Gen. Lanusse, 58, was picke at his home in Buenos Aires E night and placed under arres five days at the nearby Cam Mayo army base, official s and his family said. The Pres Gen. Jorge Videla, reportedly ed the arrest because of Lan political criticism.

Meanwhile, in Santiago, two dissident lawyers, one a cabinet minister, were detain authorities and put aboard a to Argentina, the newspape Mercurio" said yesterday.

The military government nounced Friday that Jaime C and Eugenio Velasco were o expelled immediately because were a "danger to the intern curity of the state." But o ficial announcement gave no of how the expulsion was carried out.

Castillo and Velasco have publicly critical of the milita gime, and have acted as de attorneys for political pris The announcement of their sion said they had been direct volved in subversive activities.

REMBRANDT. — A priceless portrait of Rembrandt was from the Granet Museum in Ai Provence, France, and found yesterday in the back seat of

Amin wants to make up with U.S., Britain

NAIROBI. — President Idi Amin signed documents yesterday to normalize relations with Kenya after announcing plans to restore good relations with Britain and the U.S., Uganda Radio reported.

The Ugandan leader, describing the British people as his "dear friends," was quoted as saying the only obstacle to normal relations with Washington was Secretary of State Kissinger.

A Kampala broadcast, monitored here, said Amin formally signed the agreement reached in Nairobi on Friday to end a month-long war of words between the two East African neighbours.

That chapter was closed, Amin was quoted as saying, and "a new chapter in relations between Uganda and Kenya has now opened."

The documents were due to be signed later yesterday by President Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya. William Eteki Mboumoua, secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity, brought the documents from Nairobi for President Amin to sign.

The Ugandan leader congratulated Eteki on his mediation mission.

Uganda Radio reported that President Amin announced his plans for friendship with Britain and the U.S. at a meeting on Friday with the former Ugandan High Commissioner in London, Frederick Inhengoma.

Efforts would be made through President Kenyatta to restore diplomatic links, broken off by Britain on July 28, Amin said.

The U.S. closed its embassy in Kampala in 1973 but did not break off diplomatic relations. (Reuter)

Italy protests East German border killing

ROME. — The Italian Government has made a stiff protest to East Germany against the shooting last Wednesday of an Italian lorry driver by East German border guards.

Italy has demanded a full inquiry into the killing of 38-year-old Benito Corghi, and official sources said the affair was being "actively followed" by Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani.

Corghi, who was from Rubiera, part of northern Italy's "Red Belt," worked for a road haulage firm specializing in transporting goods between Italy and East Europe. Colleagues said he often drove the route and should have been well aware of border formalities.

The Communist party newspaper "L'Unita" said he was a member of the Italian Communist Party.

Three Social Democrat deputies in the Italian Parliament have tabled a question to the Foreign Minister asking for a full report on the incident.

They asked whether the Italian Government "intends to take the necessary steps with firmness." (Reuter)

Ferry mishap claims 19 in Thailand

BANGKOK. — At least 19 people were drowned yesterday and 74 were missing after a passenger ferry capsized off Surat Thani province, south of here, police said.

Police at first feared that 300 had drowned but fisherman helped them rescue 207. Most of the dead were children, old people and Buddhist monks, police added. (Reuter)

'Air Canada' forgot there's an Israel

TORONTO. — A map showing Israel as "Palestine" — published by a group of Canadian airlines — is one of a number of instances of compliance with the Arab boycott that are disturbing Canadian Jewry.

According to the Toronto "Globe and Mail," the map accompanied a travel story on Jordan in "Air Canada" magazine. The magazine is published by 15 airlines, including CP Air.

When the Canadian Israel Committee — which speaks for the Jewish community — objected, "Air Canada" said it would print an apology and correction in the next issue, the "Globe and Mail" said.

The newspaper pointed out that the magazine has a list in its May issue of four Arab countries that specifically prohibit the entry of Jews, Israelis and persons who have travelled to Israel.

The Canadian Israel Committee reportedly regards Canadian compliance with the boycott as very serious, and is to form a national committee to combat it. One of the bodies cooperating in the boycott is said to be Canada's Department of External Affairs. The Canadian High Commission in London will issue certificates of religious affiliation to Canadians seeking jobs in Arab countries, the newspaper story said. (AP)

Watergate re-emerges as issue in campaign

WASHINGTON. — The Watergate scandal has re-emerged on the political scene to complicate the struggle of President Ford and Ronald Reagan for the Republican presidential nomination.

With the outcome still in doubt — it is to be decided by about 100 uncommitted delegates — the two rivals are trying to tip the balance by waging psychological warfare over their choice for a vice-presidential nominee.

Each is trying to prove not only that he is the stronger Republican presidential candidate, but also that he can be better trusted to choose the man who would succeed to the presidency in an emergency.

To the dismay of Ford campaign aides, the debate revived discussion of the Nixon corruption scandals when attacks were launched this week on former Texas Governor John Connally, frequently mentioned as a possible running-mate for the president.

Prominent Republican Congressmen, criticizing Connally, recalled his close association with former president Richard Nixon and suggested he was not a suitable vice-presidential choice for Ford. Connally angrily responded that his critics wanted to drag up his post-Watergate trial and were perpetrating a "vicious, malicious distortion of the truth" in order to wreck his political future.

CONNALLY ACQUITTED

In fact, he was acquitted last year of charges that he accepted a bribe in return for suggesting to Nixon that government subsidies for milk should be increased.

Dredging up Watergate was the last thing President Ford wanted to face in view of the bitter controversy that erupted over his pardon for Nixon a month after he took office in August, 1974. A majority of Americans still felt that the pardon was wrong, according to public opinion polls.

Watergate could be an issue in the November election as Democrats have been claiming the pardon proved that President Ford had failed to shake himself free of his predecessor.

Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter said this week that had he been president he might have pardoned Nixon — but not until after a trial. He said he did not intend to use Watergate as a campaign theme.

But Senator Walter Mondale, his vice-presidential running-mate, gave notice he felt Watergate would be a legitimate part of the campaign and he had no intention of letting it drop.

Watergate re-emerged on the front pages after Reagan, the conservative former California Governor, jolted the Republican Party by saying his running mate would be the liberal Pennsylvania Senator Richard Schweiker, if he won the presidential nomination.

FORD HOLDS POLL

Convinced his rival had made a disastrous mistake, President Ford then conducted a poll of thousands of party members, including delegates to the nominating convention opening in Kansas City on August 16.

He said he would announce his vice-presidential choice in the traditional way — after he had won the presidential nomination — focussing attention on Connally, who has been named in independent polls of Republican delegates as favourite for the post.

The pre-convention manoeuvring was fierce all week, with President Ford remaining in the lead in the fight for convention delegates. But political analysts judged that neither he nor Reagan would win on the first ballot.

The various computations showed that Ford was between five and 20 short of the 1,130 majority needed for nomination, with Reagan having the support of about 1,038 delegates, and some 100-plus delegates still uncommitted.

Reagan's bombshell — designating Senator Schweiker as his running mate — had no decisive effect on the nomination struggle, it now appears. He won a few delegates here and lost a few there. (Reuter)

OLDER BLACKS STARTLED BY RIOTING STUDENTS

Angry new generation in Sowet

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa. — An angry new generation of blacks has emerged in white-ruled South Africa to plunge the nation into its worst racial crisis in over a decade.

They are urbanized, better educated and more militant than their parents, whom many students regard as "collaborators" with the white government's apartheid.

It was the students who triggered protests that led to a week of rioting in June in which 176 persons were killed in segregated black townships around Johannesburg and Pretoria.

And it is the students who have sparked the most recent demonstrations in Soweto, the city of over one million blacks 12 kms. south of Johannesburg.

They have stoned buses, burned cars and schools, thrown up street barricades, sabotaged a railway and, armed only with stones, defied police in armoured personnel carriers.

In last week's demonstration, they looked to the French revolution for inspiration, carrying placards echoing the words of Rousseau: "We are born free but everywhere we are in chains."

Police Minister James Kruger recently declared the banned African National Congress and the Pan-African Congress may have been partly responsible for the disturbances.

Some observers believe Kruger has given too much credit to the black nationalist organizations which have been driven underground by the nation's vigilant security police.

There is a growing impression, instead, that the students are operating largely on their own.

And what stands out is that the students in Soweto have failed repeatedly to mobilize the support of the vast majority of black adults.

The youths have been trying unsuccessfully to organize a job boycott by the some 250,000 to 300,000 adult black workers who commute daily in trains, buses and cars from Soweto to Johannesburg.

Unable to rally adults to their cause, they recently resorted to sabotaging a key Soweto railway and to stoning buses and cars carrying workers to Johannesburg.

The students are protesting the arrest of student leaders following last month's rioting, but there seems to be more to it than that.

They are singing freedom such as "Inkosi Sikelele Af (God Save Africa) — the national anthem — and pla demand "Freedom now."

The students have openly parents and others to go ba school.

Black adults in Soweto are militant perhaps because they seen some improvement in years.

Soweto, for example, w squalid shanty town in the but has since been rebuilt in more modern, though still d city that still lacks many facilities taken for granted whites.

Black salaries have also inc over the years and while pa not kept up with inflation adults can see an increase in standard of living.

The students, however, see what they now face.

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Another truce gone

Except for southern Lebanon, where neighbourly contacts continued with Israel much of the Land of the Cedar remained torn by the civil war last week. As in the past, most of the week's attempts at achieving a truce have flown with the hot summer winds. A new ceasefire, the 54th in Lebanon's 18 months of fighting that have already claimed over 35,000 dead and some 150,000 wounded, gave way to savage clashes which yesterday spread north to Tripoli from Beirut.

Having scored major victories over the Palestine Liberation Organization and the leftists, Lebanon's Christian militias appeared to have established undisputed control over their mountain-to-sea enclave stretching from eastern Beirut to the fringes of the northern port city of Tripoli. The Syrians, who have found a curious alliance with the Christians against the PLO-leftist camp, were in firm control of Lebanon's northern and eastern regions.

The Week In Review

By ANAN SAFADI

ons. The PLO-leftist camp itself now under siege in a number of nclaves in central Lebanon and astal zones neighbouring Tripoli, astern Beirut, southern Sidon and re. Southern Lebanon is virtually ontrolled, the only military presnce there being the dissident "Lebanese Arab Army" of Col. Ahmed atib. It is with his representatives Israel has met three times on atters concerning the border area.

The most significant fallout last eek occurred between the Moslem mmunity leaders and the PLO-tist camp. Moslem leaders, repectedly representing over 50 organizations, came out over the weekd strongly in favour of the Syran-inspired peace initiative: s revival of an all-Lebanon adinistration which would apportion government equally between e country's Christians and Mosms.

The switch in the Moslem posion was seen to have strengthened undeclared alliance between the rians and the Christians. But it did not break up the PLO-leftist liance, whose strength and credility have been weakened by the cent fighting.

Though the PLO indicated last eek that it was capitulating to Syrians, it most probably did for manoeuvrability. The PLOthorities and pro-leftist camp was seen unlikely to mit to a Christian-Moslem, ingrcurio" said yesterday, whose eventual aim would be restore conservatism in Lebanon spite the planned "reforms."

The PLO-leftist alliance appears be reckoning on rebuilding its ces with the help of the Soviet ion. Latest reports from Beirut eed confirmed that the Soviets, spite their official denials, have en helping the PLO-leftist camp building up airstrips for future airlifts. Moscow has pledged start supplying arms next month. at is, presumably, if the Syrians, Christians and the Moslem conatives continue to insist on a compromise taking into account O-leftist aspirations."

Under the surface, the Soviets undoubtedly playing a major in Lebanese events, thus makit difficult for the main combatants to control the situation that they have become involvin conflicts with the various b regimes, the Soviets appear to determined to switch their backto the PLO-leftist camp, through ch they hope to reestablish a hold in the region.

In contrast, the U.S. seemed to astonishingly out of touch in anon, especially after the withwal of the bulk of the American bassy staff from Beirut a week Washington remained ineffectwith regard to Lebanese developments. It was thought doubtful the Americans were dealing h the issue in secret contacts.

The Americans seemed to regard latest developments in Lebanon mistically. Washington's assessit was that the Lebanese events ld still spawn peace negotiaas between the Arabs and Israel. always thought the PLO might sent less of an obstruction now it has learned to pursue its interests, as does every other party in the Lebanese strife.

Moscow gains influence in Lebanese war

By JOSEPH FITCHET

BEIRUT — SOVIET INFLUENCE, latent for long in the Lebanese crisis, has surfaced in the conflict in the form of opposition to the role of Syria, Moscow's former ally. This development heightens the risk of Lebanon becoming the ground of open superpower rivalry.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and its leftist allies have gained a badly needed respite from Syrian military pressure as a result of several recent Soviet moves.

Moscow has thrown its political weight against Syria's campaign to crack down on the Palestinians. A recent message from Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev to Syrian President Hafez Assad led to a relaxation of Syrian military pressure and an easing of the Syrian blockade of the south Lebanon port of Sidon, which handles supplies and arms for the Palestinians and their leftist allies.

Lebanon's Moscow-aligned communists are infiltrating heavily into the para-state administration which the Lebanese left-wing alliance is setting up on an infra-structure provided by the PLO.

The Soviet fleet has built up in the Mediterranean to its highest level since the 1973 October war and it now includes the first aircraft carrier to pass through the Bosporus. This naval strength gives the Soviet Union the ability to bring force to bear locally, neutralising any notion of a military vacuum which may be exploited quickly by Syria, Israel or the United States.

At the last Arab League meeting in Cairo which conspicuously failed to come to the Palestinians' aid, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat sent a message warning Arab Foreign Ministers that, faced with catastrophe, the PLO would seek "non-Arab help," taken to mean the Soviet Union. This threat was later toned down to placate conservative Arabs who supply much PLO finance. But leftist newspapers have frequently compared the PLO's plight to that of the MPLA in Angola, which was saved by the injection of Cuban troops with Soviet material. The Soviet fleet gives Moscow the mobility and protection for limited interventions unless the U.S. is willing to face a confrontation.

Brezhnev's note to Syria was followed by an unexpected, strategically puzzling Syrian pull-back from Sidon. Although the contents of the message have not been disclosed, Soviet-controlled media have started chorusing that the Syrian military intervention in Lebanon has accelerated the bloodshed rather than stanched it. Soviet-aligned groups, like the Afro-Asian Solidarity Organization, have come out strongly on behalf of the PLO leftist alliance in Lebanon.

In a three-hour speech defending his policy a fortnight ago, Assad made not a single reference to the Soviet Union — a surprising omission in view of Moscow's dominant role in supplying and training the Syrian military machine, which is the most powerful influence in Syria. However, Assad's sharp defiance of "any ultimatum" was taken by diplomats to refer to the Soviet pressure, rather than to Israel's.

The speech was the most outspoken attack on the Palestinians — normally sacrosanct in Arab public utterances — since King Hussein rounded on them six years ago.

The thesis of Damascus in defending its military move in Lebanon is that the PLO has become radicalised and poses a threat to the established Arab order which wants to get on with spending its oil revenues. Perhaps precisely for this reason, Moscow has decided to prevent the destruction of the PLO which has attained unique status in the Arab world and which represents the form of the coming challenges to the Arab regimes which have evolved since the first wave of coups after decolonialisation.

The vacuum left by the collapse of the Lebanese State has grown increasingly intolerable, especially for Lebanese. However, traditional leaders have hung back from setting up any system which appeared to substitute itself for the State.

Now the leftists have moved into the vacuum. In the set-up proclaimed by leftist leader Kamal Junblatt, the first volunteers in the police force, called the People's Security, were almost entirely from the Communist Party. Initially innocuous and ingratiating, the People's Security appears more self-assured every day.

Other functions, equally promptly taken on by the efficient, organized communists, include neighbourhood surveys which nominally concern local needs but also cover a great deal of potentially useful information for other political purposes. To sweeten it, the Palestinians are helping their Lebanese proteges to restore power and telephones, and distribute petrol and flour more evenly and cheaply.

Whatever happens now in Lebanon — and it is difficult to foresee anything now but more bloodshed — the bitter pro-leftist hostility to all Arab regimes, which was always an intellectual tenet, but now a gut feeling, may well prove to be the worst long-term product of the Lebanese slaughterhouse. (Ofns)

Kurds are drawn into new conflict

By IBRAHIM NOORI

GALALA, IRAQ. — The Kurds of northern Iraq who fought the Iraqi army for more than a decade are being drawn into the war of words between the rival Ba'ath governments ruling in Damascus and Baghdad.

A prominent Iraqi official has warned against any outside interference that might help the Kurds mount a guerrilla force to resume their rebellion which ended 18 months ago. Without mentioning Syria by name, Hashem Hassan Akrawi, chairman of the Executive Council in Northern Iraq, warned: "We will resist any attempt at destroying the autonomy we have achieved."

Akrawi, himself a Kurd, was appointed to his post by the Baghdad government when Iraq formally granted self-rule to the Kurds in 1974 in a bid to end fighting in the oil rich region.

Iraqi sources said Syrian motives for backing any fresh Kurdish uprising would be to force Iraq to pull back an estimated three army divisions from its western border with Syria. Iraq despatched the troops to ease Syrian military pressure on the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon.

A spokesman for the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) in London rejected the possibility of a Syrian-backed Kurdish uprising and also Iraqi estimates that there are some 20,000 Iraqi Kurdis refugees in Syria. The figure was less than 200, he said. The spokesman at the same time noted that Guerrilla warfare by Kurdish Pesh Merga fighters —their name means "those who face death" — was continuing in the craggy northern mountains of Iraq. Scores of Iraqi Soldiers have died in the last three months, the KDP claims.

Iraq does not recognise the exiled KDP, which has respresentatives in London and Helsinki, and denies there is any fighting. Whatever the truth, all appears peaceful in the north. For the first time the Iraqi army seems to be in control of the once impregnable mountain stronghold of Mulla Mustafa Barazani and his turbanned hill fighters.

Barazani's rebellion ended 16 months ago and the 74-year-old guerrilla leader, who fought for autonomy for 40 years, now lives incommunicado in a village outside Teheran. At present he is on a private visit to the U.S.

Barazani downed his rifle when Iran decided to end its support for his cause. In March last year with his sons Idris and Mesut he joined thousands of embittered Kurdish refugees moving out of the Iraqi mountains where they had faced artillery and air attack, to the safety of Iran.

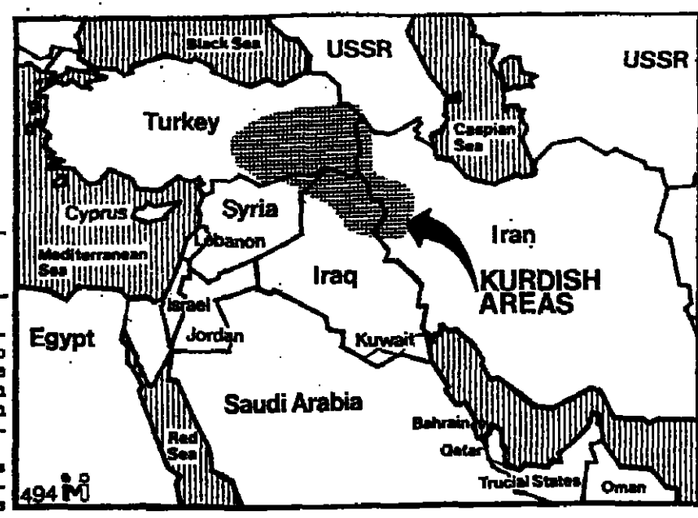
The disintegration of the fullscale Kurdish rebellion followed rapidly on an Iraqi-Iranian accord in which the two countries agreed to end years of hostility through negotiation.

Today the Iraqi army controls the north and most observers here see little likelihood of large-scale fighting resuming in Iraqi Kurdistan in the foreseeable future. The Baghdad government displayed its confidence by allowing foreign journalists, in Iraq for last month's 18th anniversary of the revolution which overthrew the Hashemite Monarchy, to visit the north by car and helicopter.

Armed troops man road blocks and mountain observation posts are linked by new communications lines to military outposts dotted over the region.

The autonomous Kurdish region covers Dohok, Suleimaniyah and Arbil provinces with a total Kurdish population of some one and a half million. They are governed by a 10-member executive council and legislative council (parliament) of 80 Kurds set up after formal autonomy was granted.

Saddam Hussein, the vice-chairman of Iraq's ruling "Revolutionary Command Council," announced in Baghdad that the new peace and stability in Iraqi Kurdistan meant the government could end "emergency measures" and help resettle the Kurds, including those returning from Iran. But such a process might well be stalled by Baghdad now that the Kurds are being drawn into Iraq's conflict with neighbouring Syria. (Reuter)



Dredgers get going on Suez widening

By CHRISTOPHER PARKER

CAIRO. — PENTA OCEAN Construction Company of Tokyo has brought its first five giant dredgers and 150 Japanese crewmen to begin widening and deepening the Suez Canal — the strategic short-cut for ships sailing between Europe and the East.

The Japanese firm has a major $140m. contract, in a first-stage $600m. programme to expand the canal, so that by about 1983 it can take super oil tankers of up to 150,000 tons. This will challenge the rival sea route for ships carrying oil from the Gulf to Europe and America around South Africa.

Penta Ocean, whose contract has brought in its wake the biggest influx of Japanese into Egypt ever, began work last January with three giant dredgers gouging out rock and sand from Suez Bay, southern gateway to the 170km. waterway.

The Suez Canal remains a key economic prop for Egypt and June 5 this year marked the first anniversary of its re-opening after the eight years closure by the 1967 Six-Day War.

However, long before the Suez Canal expansion takes shape Egypt will be provided with a new economic prop to place it in the forefront of the lucrative Middle East oil carrying trade. This is the 320 km. oil pipeline now being rapidly laid across Egypt's eastern desert between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean.

Crude oil brought by oil tankers from the nearby Gulf states is to be loaded at sea into the southern terminal of the pipeline, at Ein el-Soukhna, near Suez and the southern gateway of the Suez Canal, then pumped over the desert to its northern Mediterranean outlet, near Alexandria, where the oil will be loaded aboard tankers and ferried to Europe and America. Pipeline officials in Cairo say this project will cut costs of carrying oil in supertankers around the long South African sea route by half.

The officially scheduled date for the pipeline's completion is October, but it will probably not pump oil much before early next year. The pipeline will carry 40 million tons in its first year and bring in an estimated revenue of $260m., which is due to be increased to $400m. a year in its second year after a pipeline expansion project.

The pipeline is financed by wealthy Arab oil states. Bechtel International, headquartered in San Francisco, California, have the management contract for the pipeline project, while the construction and pipe-supplying companies are four Italian firms — Montubi, Cimi, Montaggi and Snam Progetti.

While Egypt's project to widen and deepen the Suez Canal is already firmly launched the future development of the waterway and its potential traffic is being researched by British consultants, including Maunsells of London.

The Japanese company's contract is covered by a soft Japanese government loan, but Egypt has yet to raise much other finance for the rest of its canal expansion programme. Following its clearance of mines, rockets, shells and other war ordinance from its two full scale Arab-Israeli wars, the canal was initially used by only 11 ships daily. More recently, however, traffic has grown to an average 50 ships a day — still below the 1967 daily average of 52 ships a day, but the total tonnage is now higher than before the canal's abrupt closure in 1967. Already, the revenue earning capacity of the canal has doubled, from about £100m. annually in 1966 to £200m.

British, French and American naval task forces were sent out to Egypt to sweep the canal before its June 5 1975 re-opening. The efficiency of the operation has been proved by the fact that there have been no explosions from war ordinance left in the waterway since the canal reopened.

The biggest ship to sail the waterway in the first year has been a 250,000-ton tanker, the Ferncraig of Sweden. But it was in ballast sailing from Europe to the Persian Gulf: when loaded tankers cannot squeeze through the canal today if their weight is more than 75,000 tons.

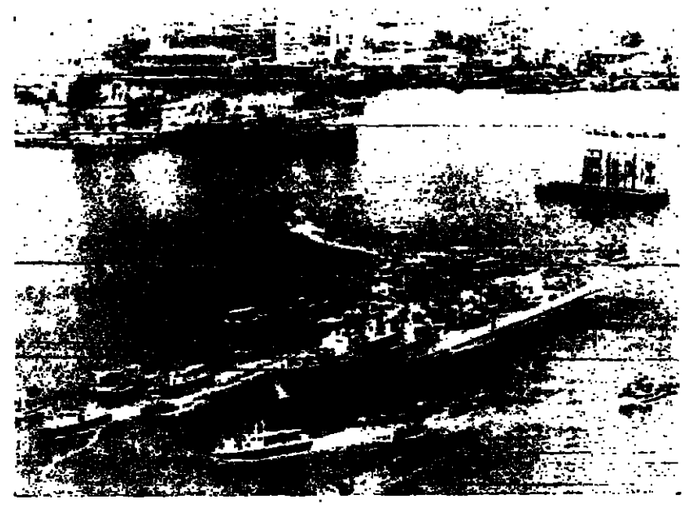
Main objects of the canal expansion project and the new oil pipeline are to recapture for Egypt much of the lucrative oil traffic it lost to the longer loop sea route around South Africa that built up in giant supertankers during the Suez Canal's eight-year closure — the supertankers being today far too big for the Suez Canal.

The one big disappointment to the million Egyptians who have surged back to the three canal cities evacuated seven years between the 1967 and 1973 Arab-Israeli wars is the lack of tourism.

Port Said, in particular, at the canal's northern gateway, used to be a popular stopping off point for scores of thousands of tourists each month hunting for gay and risque night life at belly dancer establishments and, in years gone by, risque strip clubs.

Since the canal's reopening less than a handful of passenger liners have sailed the canal, once the key artery for British troops and officials between Britain and colonial India and the Far East. Today, passengers travel by air.

Nevertheless, Port Said, Ismailia and Suez are all today populated by many more Egyptians than before the canal's closure. The loss of tourists is more than compensated for by the hectic building boom which came to the canal cities following the post-1973 war interim agreements between Egypt and Israel. (Gemini)



Surrounded by a swarm of small craft, the Egyptian navy destroyer "October 6," with President Sadat aboard enters the Suez Canal at Port Said on reopening the waterway for commercial shipping last year. (AP photo)

Greek Cypriots open 'long struggle' for land

By JOHN BIERMAN

NICOSIA — JUDGING FROM the sharply differing attitudes with which the Greek and Turkish Cypriots marked the second anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus a fortnight ago, the island appeared to be more deeply divided than ever.

Greek Cypriots are settling down to the "long struggle" urge by President Makarios to try to regain at least some of the land lost after Turkish troops landed in northeastern Cyprus on July 20, 1974.

At the same time, the Turkish Cypriots seem to heading towards a unilateral declaration of full independence despite facing major problems with the economy of the "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus" which they have already proclaimed.

The Greek side commemorated the occasion by declaring six days of mourning in mid-July, the anniversary of the 1974 coup against Archbishop Makarios from within the Greek Cypriot community which precipitated Turkey's invasion.

On the Turkish side, the occasion was marked by a July 20 "peace and freedom day," highlighted with parades and wreath-laying ceremonies screened by the new Turkish Cypriot television service. These ceremonies were officiated by Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash and Turkey's Deputy Premier, Turhan Feyzioglu, both of whom attended another significant inauguration — that of a runway extension at Ercan airport, between Nicosia and Famagusta, now able to take the biggest commercial jet planes.

This could be an important commercial advance for the "Federated State" proclaimed in February 1975 over the protests of Greek Cypriots, and still unrecognised except by Turkey. The airport extension should improve the possibilities for tourism and the export of fruit and vegetables. Nicosia airport is closed and Greek Cypriots are using Larnaca airport.

So far, apart from communications improvements, the Turkish-held part of the island has chalked up few economic achievements, in contrast to the Greek-Cypriot area, which has restored its economy to within reach of the pre-war level.

The Denktash administration's economic performance has come in for criticism from both Turkish Cypriots and Turks.

Denktash himself blames the sluggish economic performance on war damage and the problems of large-scale resettlement, though the Greek Cypriots have had the same problems, and on an economic boycott organised by the Makarios government.

"His forces stop us selling abroad, try to stop us bringing in tourists and do everything to impede our economic contacts with the outside world," Denktash complained in a recent interview.

The only internationally recognised government on the island is that of President Makarios. The state proclaimed by the Turkish Cypriots does not yet claim independence, but the right to full internal self-government while waiting for the Greek Cypriots to agree to a bi-zonal federation with a weak central government.

It seeks a basis of absolute equality in this federation, between the Greek-Cypriot population of over 500,000 and the Turkish-Cypriot community of a maximum of 150,000.

Denktash has been giving repeated warnings that unless there is a settlement soon he may be "pushed" into a unilateral declaration of independence. He concedes that he cannot take such action without the knowledge and consent of Turkey, whose military and financial support are essential for the survival of the "federated state." He believes however that if Turkey continues to suffer diplomatic defeats over Cyprus at the U.N. and other international forums it will drop its objections.

On the other side of the line, Archbishop Makarios appears to have become convinced that there is no chance of negotiated settlement which would do much more than confirm the status quo, with 20 per cent of the population holding 40 per cent of the land while demanding a form of federation so loose as to be, in his view, scarcely worth the name.

He thus backs the "long struggle" policy, an unremitting campaign of diplomatic and economic pressure aimed at recovering at least some land, as preferable to what he calls "legalising this situation with our signature." (Reuter)

Egypt buying 54 Greek ships

ATHENS. — Egypt is considering purchasing 54 cargo and passenger ships from Greek shipyards at a cost of $700m., Egyptian Embassy officials said last week.

An official memo of the Egyptian Government given by the embassy said a total of 50 cargo vessels and four ferries were being sought in the framework of Egypt's 1976-80 maritime programme. Total tonnage of the 54 ships will reach 350,000 tons.

The ships' delivery is demanded within this five-year period. Egypt is offering 10 per cent of the total value upon signing the contract, and 20 per cent of the price of each vessel upon laying of its keel.

No final agreement has been signed yet, but Egyptian Under Secretary of Merchant Marine Hamdy Hassan el-Sabbagh was recently in Athens to discuss the deal, and may return in the near future, the officials added.

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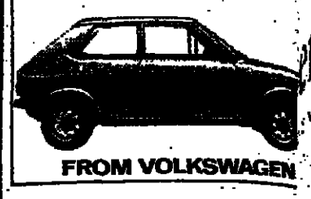
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 Programme for kindergarteners
18.00 Hitchratch
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes: 18.30 News roundup
18.32 Lassie
19.00 Documentary: The Land of the Oriskany
19.30 News and weekly magazine
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with Youth magazine
20.30 *All in the Family*: Archie and the Miracle
21.00 Mabat newsreel
21.30 Second Look: Programme of news background and analysis
22.00 All the Melodies: On composer Yair Rosenblum. With Yossi Banai, Rivka Michaeli, Aliza Rosen, Hanan Yovel, Miki Kam and Dafna Armoni
22.40 Country Matters: A series of stories set in rural England by H. E. Bates and A. E. Coppard. Eighth story: The Ring of Truth.
23.30 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.15* Cartoon. 17.30* Apple's Way. 18.30* News in Hebrew. 19.00 News in Arabic. 19.30 Shirley's World starring Shirley MacLaine. 20.00 Sports magazine. 20.10 Marcus Welby. 21.00 News in English. 21.15* Mannix.

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CINEMAS

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Allenby: The Odd Couple; **Ben Yehuda:** Next Stop Greenwich Village; **Cinema Two:** The Hunchback of Notre Dame; **Ciserama:** Paint Your Wagon 6.30, 9.15; **Cinema One:** Diamonds are Forever; **Chen:** The Missouri Breaks 4.30, 7.00, 9.30; **Dekel:** Robin and Marian 7.15, 9.30; **Esther:** The Slipper and the Rose 4.7, 9.30; **Gat:** To Be or Not To Be; **Drive-Ins Cinema:** Robin Hood 7.15; **Partizan** 9.30; **Gordon:** Alice in Wonderland 3.30, 5.30, 7.30; **Ophir:** Vigilant Force; **Maxim:** Les Fous De Stade; **Hod:** Lupo Goes to New York 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; **Limor:** East of Eden; **Mograbi:** Kuni Leml in Tel Aviv; **Orly:** Beautiful People 3.30, 5.30, 7.30; **Paris:** The Story of Adele H. 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 4, 7, 9.30; **Ramat Aviv:** Breakheart Pass 7.15, 9.30. Tues. also 4.30 p.m.; **Royal:** The Yellow Rolls Royce; **Studio:** Just A Woman; **Tchelet:** Pygmalion; **Tel Aviv:** Blazing Magnum; **Zafon:** Taxi Driver.

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Armon: Alice in Wonderland 3.30, 5.30, 7.30; **Chen:** Les Fous De Stade; **Eden:** The Missouri Breaks; **Edison:** Batain Bu Duriya; **Habimah:** Exodus 4.8; **Orgil:** Kuni Leml in Tel Aviv 3, 5, 7, 9. **Orion:** The Man Who Would Be King 4, 6.45, 9; **Orna:** The Taxi Driver 4, 6.45, 9; **Ron:** Beautiful People; **Semadar:** West Side Story 6.45, 9.30; **Mitchell:** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 6.45, 9.30.

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amphitheatre: Sky Riders; **Armon:** Samson and Dalilah 4, 6.30, 9; **Atzmon:** Just A Woman; **Chen:** Dr. No; **Miron:** The Corrupted; **Meriah:** La Rivale; **Orah:** Kuni Leml in Tel Aviv; **Orion:** Girls Come First; **Orly:** General Idi Amin Dada 6.45, 9; **Peer:** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 4, 6.30, 9; **Ron:** Lupo Goes to New York; **Shavit:** Lucky Lady 6.45, 9.

RAMAT GAN 7.15, 9.30
Armon: Jaws 7, 9.30; **Oasis:** West Side Story 6, 9; **Hadar:** Kuni Leml in Tel Aviv 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Rama:** La maison des filles perdues; **Ordea:** Lupo Goes to New York 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Lili:** Panic in Needle Park; **Ramat Gan:** Framed.

PETAH TIKVA
Shalom: Magnificent Daredevil 7.30, 9.30.

HERZLIYA
Titeret: Kid Stuff; **David:** Jaws 4, 7 9.30.

NETANYA
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First Programme

7.05 Morning concert — A. Scarlatti: Symphony No. 2 in D Major; Haydn: "Echo, for Two Flutes (Shoham-Aviram); Telemann: Trio Sonata in C Major; Mozart: Piano Concerto in C, K.467 (Limpani); Beethoven: Prometheus, Ballet Music (Mehta — IPO); Bizet: "Jeux d'enfants," Op. 22; Poulenc: Aubade for Piano and 18 Instruments; Ippolitov-Ivanov: Caucasian Sketches, op. 10.
10.15 Songs
10.40 Notes on a new book
11.15 Arabic for beginners
12.05 (Stereo): Radu Aldoiescu, cello; Albert Guttman, piano — Bach: Suite No.2, for Cello Unaccompanied; Debussy (arr. Piatigorsky): Intermezzo; Shostakovich: Sonata
13.00 Sibelius: Scaramouche Suite; Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 1 in F Minor (Claude Kahan)
15.01 "Judenrat" — Programme on the Judenrat, a body heading a Jewish community, appointed by the German occupying authorities during World War II, which was responsible for the enforcement of Nazi orders. With Chaika Grossman, M.K. Dr. Yitzhak Arad; Dr. Israel Guttman; Dr. Aharon Weiss; Dr. Shlomo Aharonson
15.50 Lesson in spoken Arabic
15.55 Analysis of a new book
16.05 Bach: Cantata No. 45 (Richter); Haydn: Nelson mass in D Minor (Kertesz)
17.15 (Stereo): "Portrait of Artist" — Anton von Webern
18.05 "Flute in the Water" — on Claude Debussy (Ada Brodtzky)
20.45 Gelbrun: Four Pieces for Strings; Schidlowsky: Six Hexaphores for Juan Manuel; Steinberg: Chamber Concerto for Viola and String Orchestra
21.30 Reflections on the portion of the week with Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz
22.05 (Stereo): Vaughan Williams: Fantasy on Greensleeves; Bach: Triple Concerto (Marriner-Linde-Kipnis); Cello Concerto in D Major (Du Pre); Sibelius: Symphony No. 7 in C Major (Bernstein); Mozart: String Quintet in G Minor, K. 516 (Griller Quartet with William Primose)
23.58 Programme announcements

Second Programme

14.10 Popular songs
15.05 Foreign language hit parade (until 16.00)
18.05 Hassidic songs
18.43 Sports commentary
19.00 *People and events in the news*
19.47 Bible reading: Job 7.8
20.05 Golden Watch Club — on the world of retirement
21.05 Jazz corner
21.55 On Jews and Judaism
22.05 Summer Vacation — a meeting with young people from abroad who are visiting Israel
23.06 Many Peter's talk and entertainment show
00.10 Israeli songs

Army Radio

7.07 On drivers and traffic: reports from police positions, features on transportation, quizzes, information on tours of the country
10.05 Songs
12.05 Special requests
12.45 Fifteen Minutes — a brief survey of current events in Israel and around the world
13.05 High Noon — Two performing groups challenge each other in a popularity poll among listeners
14.05 Sports magazine
16.55 David Rochav's economic corner
18.05 Personal File — Gideon Lev Ari interviews Seren Beni of the Engineering Corps
18.35 Needle in a record stack — new record acquisitions (until 19.53)
18.57 Programme announcements
19.53 Menahem Benn talks about old age and society
20.05 Songs and comedy skits by request
20.55 Headline — international news
21.05 Gideon Lev Ari interviews Aluf Mishne David Laskov
22.05 "On duty" — Oshik Levi answers questions from soldiers of the Engineering Corps
00.05 Night birds — classical music with Ram Evron

REGULAR DAILY BROADCASTS
First Programme
10.15-10.35: 11.15-11.35 Programmes for Schools.
13.55 Music programme announcements.
14.10 Stories for children.
15.05 A moment for Hebrew grammar.
17.55 Notes on agriculture
00.10 Informal discussion
Second Programme
6.00 Prayer and Mishna reading.
6.10 Gymnastics.
6.55 Programme announcements.
8.59 A moment for Hebrew grammar.
8.10 Popular tunes (until 10.00)
7.53 Driving tips
10.05 Here at Home — songs, interviews on topics assumed to be of interest to women
12.05 Productive Pace — for workers and employers.
12.30 Hebrew songs
18.45 Today's sports.
01.05 A moment of poetry.
Army Radio
5.03 Popular music (until 6.55)
5.58 Prayer
6.55 Gymnastics.
7.05 Songs and messages from soldiers (until 10.00)
10.05 Popular music (until 12.00)
3.05 Insomnia

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SELECTIONS
English
7.00 (Fourth, Fifth) 15 minutes, including review of Hebrew press
14.00 (Fourth, Fifth) 30 min.
18.00 (Fourth) 5 min.
20.00 (Fourth) 15 min.
22.00 (Fifth) 30 min.
00.30 (Fifth) 30 min.
French
7.15 (Fourth, Fifth) 15 min., including review of Hebrew press
14.30 (Fourth, Fifth) 30 min.
18.03 (Fourth) 5 min.
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.
22.30 (Fifth) 25 min.
24.00 (Fifth) 30 min.
Yiddish 19.30 (First) 30 min.
Hungarian 19.15 (Fifth) 15 min.
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1350 Austrian 711 Vienna
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1435 Lufthansa 624 Frankfurt
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1615 SAS 851 Copenhagen
1630 EL AL 548 Zurich
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1830 EL AL 018 New York, London
1845 British Air 484 London
1855 Olympic 801 Athens
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1925 EL AL 358 Frankfurt
2020 Air France 136 Paris
2035 EL AL 324 Paris
2050 EL AL 316 London
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0700 Swissair 333 Zurich
0710 EL AL 347 Zurich
0750 Air France 193 Paris
0840 Air France 139 Athens, Paris
0900 EL AL 323 Paris
0910 TWA 801 Paris, New York
0920 EL AL 315 London
0930 British Air 485 London
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Jerusalem

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Eyesores in Jerusalem

By ERNIE MEYER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

eets have a character, almost people. Only, the character of treet is reflected largely in its r appearance, even more so that of a human being.

n unwashed face, unkempt hair, nubble of beard or a frayed t collar — figuratively speak- — tell the same thing about a et as about a person.

he analogy comes to mind when takes a closer look at the ngle of Ben Yehuda, King rge and Jaffa streets, which es up the heart of downtown salem.

et it be said at the outset: ay, many of the shops and nesses on these streets present leasant exterior and are neatly . But then there are the others. y twist the friendly smile of streets into a sad grimace.

et's start at the top. With the s above stores. Most of them d stand a good wash. Yes, just scrubbing with soap and water y month.

f course, some of the signs are ond washing. They need re- ting. Also not one of the great- expenses.

don't know why the many ekeepers who have their show dows and entrances washed re- arly, never set their sights a e higher and do the same with r signs.

elow the store signs are the ings. In the morning, when they rolled up, they don't make much an appearance. But when the hits the street and they are ed down, they show the store's e in all its glory — usually red with a layer of dust. Some the awnings are also in pictu- tattered.

is probably some trouble and ense to take an awning off its al frame and have it launder- To brush it or wash it down situ is much easier, if perhaps effective. But it is surprising much the sloping, dust-laden n expanses contribute to pull- down the general appearance e street.

What about the smaller signs of offices and the "shingles" of professional men clustered around the entrances of larger buildings? Their brightness or dullness are a gauge of how long their owners have been in business.

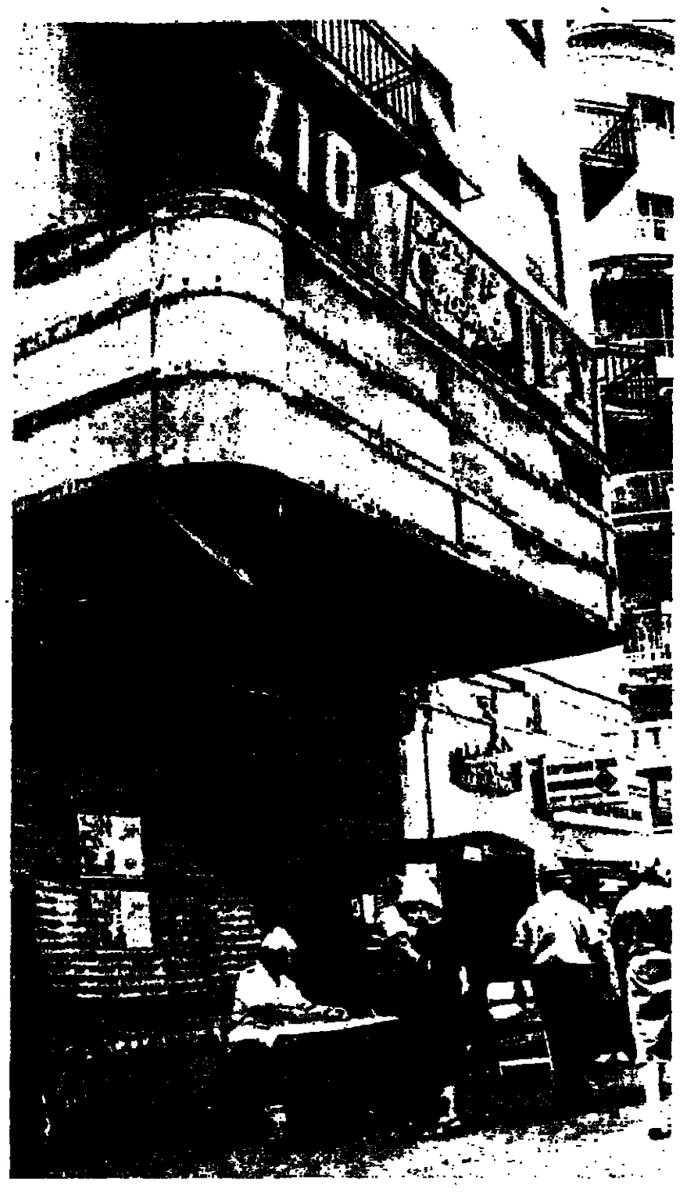
A freshly lettered sign reflects the bright hopes of a young professional. The weather beaten, neglected look of an older sign seems to convey that the owner has enough business and that "my clients know where to find me."

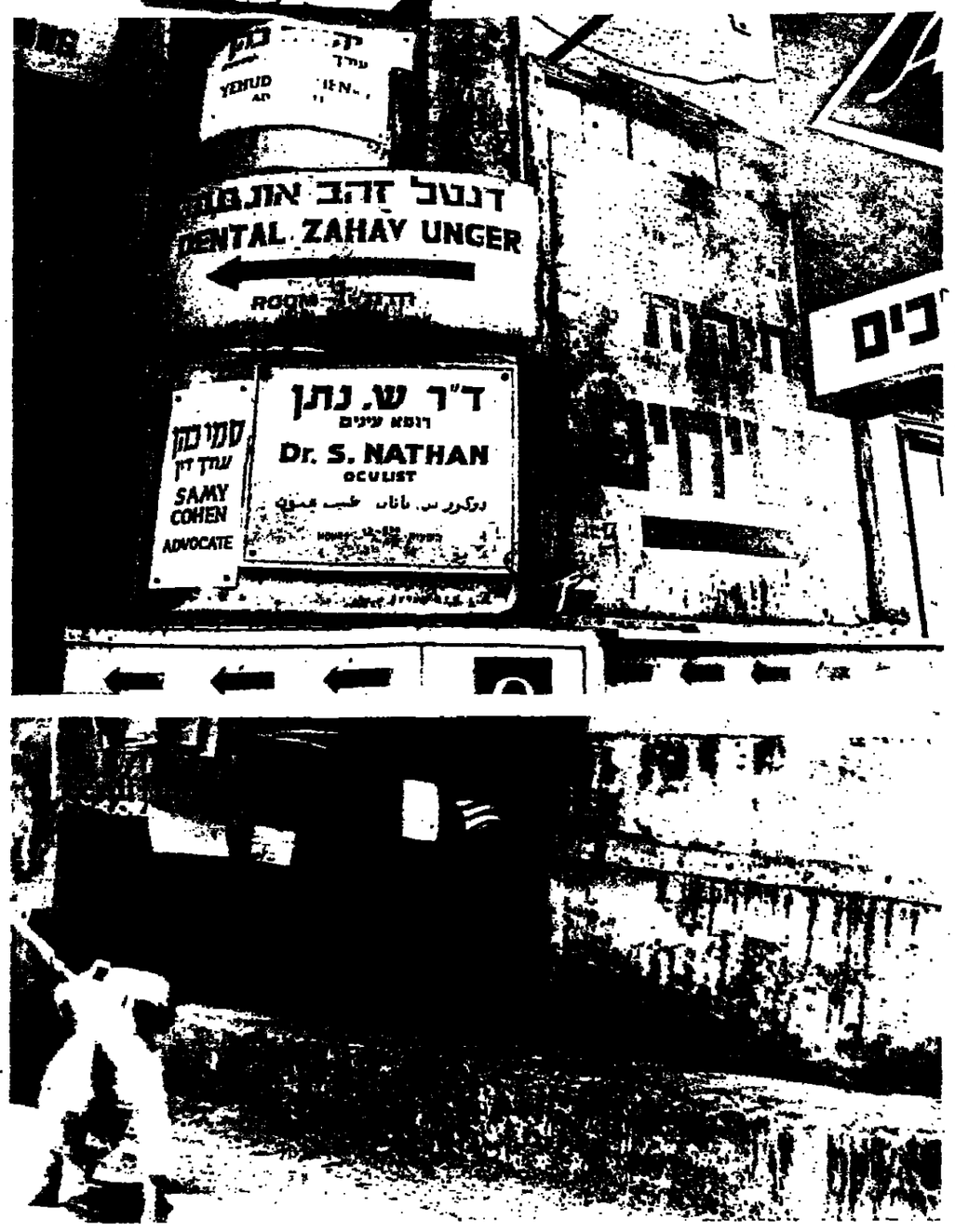
The showcase, designed to take advantage of a small empty space on a wall, deserves special mention. Many of them are like unsightly warts on the face of the street. Almost uniformly their glass is unwashed, the paint on their metal frames peels and the dust piles up on the merchandise inside.

Another detail. Many of the gratings that protect stores are found to be dirt encrusted and in urgent need of a steel brush scrubbing and of paint. A coat of paint is also the crying need of many a base board, that wooden expanse below a show window. The entrance of the old Zion Cinema on Zion Square has been shored up for a few years, ever since Bank Hapoalim bought the building. The delapidated state of the marques and the twisted sheets of corrugated iron masking the entrance make a sad sight indeed in this central square of the Capital. Bank officials say that the building will come down and a new one go up as soon as all the necessary permits are secured. But in the meantime, gentlemen, please...

In this connection, all the banks on the three streets are models of pleasing marble-faced design and good maintenance.

City Hall has made valiant efforts in the past to upgrade the looks of downtown streets by sandblasting buildings and by putting pressure on merchants to improve their stores. Perhaps a final push is needed to put a really bright smile on the face of the Capital's downtown.





How many more years need Jerusalemites—and visitors—suffer from the delapidated appearance of the former Zion Cinema (above) in the central square of their city? A few bright, new "shingles" stand out among the weather beaten, neglected majority of office signs on Ben Yehuda Street (upper, right). Only the dog is attracted by the dirty baseboard of a shop on King George Street (lower right).
(Photographs by Eliyahu Harati)

A move from purchase to rental

Jerusalem Post Reporter

L AVIV. — The local real es- market is apparently taking ew direction as apartment seek- move away from purchases to- rds rentals. Until not long ago average Israeli used to give priority to efforts of acquir- an apartment. As the prices apartments became inflated, ever, necessity turned him to rental solutions.

ne of the country's leading s and rental agencies finds it many more clients for ren- than available space. As a re- of this trend apartment rents gone up at least ten per cent he past half year.

ents have kept pace with deval- ons, which cannot be said nt apartment prices.

ypical of market conditions are of up to IL2,000 a month three-room furnished apart- ts. Long-term leases are gen- ly not available and tenants must settle for a one-year lease with an option to renew.

Joining the ranks of rental apartment seekers are new immigrants from the Western countries who are accustomed to renting. They prefer to rent and to defer purchasing until they are reasonably sure of settling down successfully here.

Luxury apartments, when they are for rent, command high prices. A recent lease signed for a furnished penthouse in one of Tel Aviv's more luxurious suburbs carried a $1,000 a month rent.

Apartment sales are sluggish. There is an ample supply of three-room flats, but takers are hard to find. A couple of interesting deals involving luxury apartments owned by foreign residents took place recently. At the David Tower, perhaps Tel Aviv's most fashionable and expensive apartment building, two apartments were recently sold for about IL800,000 each.

A building-board success story

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Unless something has been used here for at least 20 years, it isn't considered time proven; that is the general rule in Israel's building industry. Introducing new products into the industry, therefore, is generally a lengthy and costly process.

Nevertheless, a IL45m. gamble taken by the Isasbest group and overseas investors has resulted in the creation of Tagiv, a factory for making building boards for partitions and ceilings. In less than one year Tagiv has produced and sold over 250,000 square metres of board.

Five years ago the management of Isasbest, a firm owned by the Efron family, the Federman group and foreign investors, began their search for a new product to lead to the diversification of their company. The primary concern was for a product allowing the firm entry into the residential and commercial sectors of the building industry.

A review of potential products resulted in the choice of gypsum board. The next step was that of choosing the proper technology. Eventually European know-how was chosen in preference to U.S. methods.

The process selected was based on a fibre-reinforced board, instead of the sandwich-type board employed in the U.S. The sandwich board is almost entirely made of gypsum, with one layer of manila paper on both sides. The process adopted by Tagiv uses gypsum reinforced with cellulose fibre. The fibre is blended into the gypsum slurry before it is processed into board. The raw materials employed are a happy choice, since it is estimated that the Mitzpe Ramon quarries should be able to supply Israel's needs for the next 200 years. Since the cellulose fibre employed is made from waste paper, Tagiv has certainly succeeded in freeing itself from overseas dependence for its raw materials.

In the U.S. and Europe about 80 per cent of all the interior walls and ceilings in residential and public construction are made of gypsum board. According to Daniel Nezer, Tagiv's sales manager, the introduction of a product which goes into direct competition with conventional building blocks is not a simple matter. "We visited architects and contractors and stressed the ease and speed of working with our boards," he said. "The main advantage, that of saving building time, was told and retold."

At the recent Habitat exhibition in the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds Tagiv erected a building to demonstrate its product. The boards measure 3 metres by 1.2 metres and are 10 mm thick. They are joined together with a special strip of paper which makes the seam undetectable. The accoustic quality of the boards were exemplified by having a hi-fi record player blaring in a room totally insulated with the board. A little window had to be opened in a wall in order to become aware of the music inside. Other qualities such as non-inflammability, water resistance and aesthetic attractiveness when painted or wallpapered, were demonstrated.

Practice has shown that a skilled labourer can erect three times as much wall using Tagiv board, as a mason can, using blocks. "On a project scheduled to take 20 months, two to three months can be saved by using the dry wall methods instead of masonry construction," Nezer said. At current interest rates almost the whole cost of the board may be recouped by the saving in time, he added.

First university-level banking course

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A course of study in banking — the first of its kind in Israel — will begin at Tel Aviv University this year.

Registration for the programme, which is part of the School of Business Administration and will lead to the M.B.A. degree, will open this month.

The Banking Association, which is eager to raise the professional level of senior bank officials, has allotted IL1m. to this project and will continue to work together with the University as the course develops.

Courses to be given in the coming year will include International Financial Management, Management of Financial Institutions and Selected Problems in Banking. At the same time, the Banking Association will hold seminars for senior banking officials, inviting professors with international reputations in the field to lecture.

WALL STREET WEEK

Market rises—reluctantly

NEW YORK. — A reluctant stock market managed only a weak response this past week to the leadership efforts of the nation's two most widely-held issues, American Telephone and General Motors.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks edged up 1.36 to 986 even, ending three weekly declines.

Similar modest gains were recorded by Standard and Poor's 500-stock index, up .35 at 103.79, and the New York Stock Exchange composite index, ahead .20 at 55.46.

Big Board volume continued sluggish, averaging 16.50 million shares a day against 14.65 million the week before.

The only strong showing of the week came on Tuesday, when the Dow advanced 8 points with AT and T and GM leading the way.

Telephone shares got a boost from a Federal Communications Commission official's ruling in favour of its rates on interstate phone calls and of its ownership of its Western Electric manufacturing subsidiary.

General Motors chimed in with an increase in its quarterly dividend to the pre-recession level of 85 cents a share. For the past year and a half the auto giant had been paying out 60 cents quarterly.

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Bus merger vs bus service

THE proposed merger of Egged and Dan, due to come before the Cabinet, is an example of an idea that has run away with itself.

Originally there were two principal arguments in favour of the merger: to eliminate duplicate lines in the Greater Tel Aviv area, thus permitting more rational use of the country's stock of buses, and to eliminate the unfair division of profitable and unprofitable lines between the two cooperatives. Dan claimed it was forced to ply congested, thus costly, Tel Aviv routes while Egged monopolizes the profitable inter-urban lines.

Yet these reasons have lost much of their weight. Duplication of routes in the Tel Aviv area is at best a marginal factor, and Egged's massive deficits, lately revealed, cast doubt on the very possibility that a merger could improve the cooperatives' financial situation.

Moreover, there is no reason whatsoever to believe that a merger would improve the quality of bus service, which must be the travelling public's first interest. On the contrary, the precedent of Egged's absorption of Jerusalem's Hamekasher co-op would indicate that a Dan-Egged merger could lead to a further decline in the quality of service and deepen the cooperatives' fundamental disregard for passenger comfort and convenience.

The only valid argument in favour of a merger today is that the change could also be accompanied by greater government control over the bus cooperatives' administrative and operational performance. However, that too is open to doubt. For the bus cooperatives are a powerful vested interest with a stranglehold over internal transportation. They have shown in the past that the Transport Ministry, which tries to exercise some kind of control, cannot match them in muscle. Their influence in the principal points of power — the Government, Histadrut, and Labour Party — runs too deep for a few ministers or civil servants to provide suitable counterweight.

The real problem of the bus firms, to which the Government should address itself, is the suitability of the present system whereby public transportation is in the hands of a conglomerate organized on a cooperative basis. Certainly cooperatives are admirable forms of economic organization, both in principle and practice. However, when they become massive in size and when they monopolize a public service it may well be, as the performance of the bus firms would indicate, that the congruence between the social and public interest and the interest of the members breaks down.

True, in wartime the bus co-ops do yeomen service. They also provide reliable service to outlying settlements which no privately-owned utility, run on a pure profit basis, would maintain.

But these two arguments, so often heard, cannot eclipse the basic fact that the bus firms, because of their internal organization, are today run in the interests of the members, who then force the public to foot the bill.

The proposed merger, beyond appearances, would do little to change that.

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M.E. and the nuclear age

DAVAR (Histadrut) looks at the implications of the agreements signed by Washington with Israel on the one hand and Egypt on the other to supply them with nuclear power plants. Despite the inherent danger that nuclear reactors may be used for military purposes whatever the safeguards, it is preferable that Egypt's supplier be the U.S., rather than a country less sympathetic to Israel — such as France. Over the short range, says the paper, the current American arms sales to Saudi Arabia provide much more cause for worry. The packages include thousands of missiles of various kinds, and the possibility is far from absent that, whatever the safety clauses in regard to their being used only by the Saudis in self-defence, in the event of a conflagration in the area they will find their way into the hands of the confrontation states.

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) is of the opinion that the acquisition of a nuclear reactor will go a long way towards solving the problem of Israel's power supply. The paper believes that the conditions of supervision in the agreements with Israel and Egypt are sufficient to limit the prospect of the reactors being used for military purposes, and adds that on no account must the Middle East be dragged into the nuclear arms race. Israel has declared on numerous occasions that it will not be the one to initiate such a race. The paper goes on to call for a greater effort to utilize alternative forms of energy, such as solar power, so as to ensure provision for our needs in the future.

HATZOFE (NRP) comes out against the recent attempt by a nationalist group to pray on the Temple Mount, saying that the demonstration was purely political in nature; and liable to endanger public safety. Since the issue of the permissibility of praying on the Temple Mount is the subject of debate among the leading religious authorities, clear-cut regulations should be laid down to cover it.

HA'ARETZ (independent) comments on demonstrations by the inhabitants of the new Neve Ya'acov quarter in northern Jerusalem, who claim that the authorities are turning the area into a slum through the policy of rehousing families from deprived areas there. "While the use of violence by the demonstrators should be curbed, the demonstrations themselves are motivated by a real apprehension. The new quarter was erected in complete disregard of urban planning considerations, with built-in overcrowding and the lack of elementary services. It is an instant slum, and points to a lack of planning on the part of the authorities responsible."

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The NRP and the Gush

"We consider it our great achievement that the National Religious Party entered the Government only after it was promised that there would be no territorial decision without a referendum," Rabbi Moshe Levinger told MOSHE KOHN.



Levinger

IN THE NRP, the "Kook way" won "enthusiastic support" only among the Youth Faction. At the first NRP convention after the Six Day War, this faction, in which Rabbi Moshe Levinger then figured prominently, threatened to break up the convention over the Eretz Yisrael issue.

The party's leader at the time, the late Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro, gave in, and the convention adopted a resolution declaring that in negotiations with the Arabs, Israel should be guided by Jewish religious and historical rights to the ancestral homeland and the possibility of achieving true and lasting peace — "in that order," Rabbi Bin-Nun emphasized.

He recalls: "Shapiro called this merely a declarative statement which only reiterated what the Tora says. We had met with him before that, and we weren't able to budge him an inch."

Dr. Yosef Burg, now Minister of the Interior, who succeeded Shapiro as Party leader, "was more open, but he was skeptical. Why were we so sure, he wanted to know, that we were in active stages of the Redemption process and that precisely our kind of action was called for? Didn't we realize that our 'not-an-inch' territorial policy might cost lives?"

Dr. Yitzhak Raphael, who was not a Minister at that time (today he holds the Religious Affairs portfolio), "already then" — Rabbi Bin-Nun says — "paid lip-service to our settlement concept, but in fact had his reservations." The late Social Welfare Minister Michael Chazani "was sympathetic but his approach was pragmatic: instead of demanding 'everything at once' let's first finish re-settling the Etzion Bloc, and then go on to the next project."

WHEN SECRETARY of State, William Rogers, came on the scene, the Youth Faction pressed the NRP to reject the Rogers Plan.

"Our main pressure activity was within the NRP, and we kept the party on its toes. Oh, we had quite good relations with Dayan (then Defence Minister) and Allon, but we had no pressure-leverage in the Labour Party. We were worried about the steady erosion of the Eretz Yisrael idea in Labour, especially among their youth," Rabbi Bin-Nun says.

At the 1973 NRP convention, the Youth Faction demanded a resolution stating that the party would not join the next coalition government (after the 1973 Knesset elections) unless Labour pledged not to relinquish any areas that were part of historical Eretz Yisrael. The party adopted a somewhat ambiguous compromise resolution stating: "The NRP cannot assume any share in governmental responsibility if the Government submits a peace plan that involves the relinquishment of parts of Eretz Yisrael — our ancestral heritage."

The Yom Kippur War was the turning-point. As noted, some of the Samaria settlement nuclei were already organized: the Elon Moreh group now at Kaddum; the groups of the Western Samaria Nucleus wishing to settle at such Government-approved sites as Mahane Yosef, Mes'ha, and Beit Horon; and others.

"At the height of the war," Hanan Porat recalls, "while the men were away fighting, the wives met with Golda and urged her to let them establish those settlement points 'NOW.' This would raise morale, which had already sunk quite low." But they were turned down.

IN THE 1973 election campaign, the Mercaz Harav people in the NRP Youth Faction, together with other people in the party, got a plank inserted into the party platform calling for a wall-to-wall National Emergency Government.

On January 3, 1974, three days after the elections and before the coalition negotiations began, NRP Secretary-General Zvi Bernstein said in a radio interview that a National Emergency Government was not a *sine qua non* for the party's joining a coalition. A month later, furthermore, the party leadership informed the Labour Party negotiators that the NRP's 1973 territorial resolution was not necessarily a bar to its joining a Government that had long-range plans to relinquish parts of Judea and Samaria: if the Government initiated such a plan, the NRP would resign.

"We (the Youth Faction) continued to press," Rabbi Levinger recalls, "and a couple of weeks later Golda agreed to the NRP demand that new elections would be called before any decision was made on returning any part of Judea and Samaria. We consider this our great achievement: that the NRP entered the Government on the promise that there would be no territorial decision without a referendum. Though we do not believe that even a referendum has the right to decide this issue. Eretz Yisrael belongs to the entire Jewish People, including the future generations of Jews.

"But our overriding consideration was that there should be a broad National Unity Government, one that would go to the negotiating table proud, erect, with a sense of justice and victory, an awareness of representing the Jewish national renaissance, rather than a narrow, defeatist, leftish Government. Furthermore, we saw that there was a growing public that was prepared to make a stand for the honour of our land."

By this time, Hanan Porat recalls, "a long-festering realization had crystallized in us, that we could not depend on the Government or the existing party or settlement frameworks, and that we ourselves had to organize."

After several small, preliminary meetings, a few hundred people attended the founding convention of Gush Emunim at Kfar Etzion on Tu Bishvat (February 7), 1974. The name was proposed by Rabbi Haim Drukman, head of the Or Etzion Yeshiva High School at Shafir, one of the older Gush leaders.

FOR A SHORT while, the Gush people continued to carry on their struggle within the NRP, but "we soon realized that it was rather hopeless." Furthermore, in the anti-Kissinger and anti-concessionist demonstrations they had begun to stage, "we saw that our message was crossing the party lines, and that people from all sectors of the population were for settlement throughout Eretz Yisrael and against withdrawal in exchange for absolutely nothing, merely because the Government did not have enough faith and did not feel strong enough not to buckle under to Kissinger's pressure. So we did not want to create merely another party-sectarian framework that would set us apart from everybody else.

"Furthermore, until recently we deliberately maintained a loose, voluntaristic framework. We did not want to institutionalize ourselves with membership cards and all that.

"We wanted people to feel that their contribution to the cause does not consist in carrying a membership card, but that their 'card' is the acts they perform: settlement, cash contributions, organizing parlour meetings, participating in demonstrations and marches, volunteering to do work in the office, or at settlement sites, including guard duty. But now we see that we need to deal more systematically with things."

IT IS LESS than a year since the Gush moved its head offices, in Jerusalem, from a small apartment in Rehov Koresh to half a duplex house at 23 Rehov Ramat Hagolan, in the Ramat Eshkol quarter. And it is little more than half a year since requests for information and for interviews with Gush people must be addressed to an official spokesman, Ya'acov Levin, 28, of Tel Aviv. "Not because I ever became an 'expert' in public relations," he said. "I was studying at Mercaz Harav, and Reb Zvi Yehuda told me to start devoting myself to Gush Emunim's press relations."

In addition to the Small Secretariat which acts as a general staff, there is the 24-member Large Secretariat, of whom four relatively new members are non-Orthodox settlement people with more of them to be co-opted. This body meets as required and where convenient. The Gush Emunim Council has no fixed membership. Its meetings are usually called for *ad hoc* political-demonstrative purposes — sometimes in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, sometimes at Kiryat Arba or Kaddum — and are attended by 100 to 200 or more people.

Rabbi Yohanan Fried, too, disclaims any expertise, or real mastery of any language but Hebrew, that would qualify him for the job of Gush "External Relations Minister." Until late last year, he was Gush spokesman and apparent field commander. His present task is to foster contacts in the Diaspora, which sometimes involves travelling abroad. The aim is to develop a "Friends of Gush Emunim" movement that would wield political influence in the Diaspora Jewish communities and capitals.

"The activity has only really just begun," Rabbi Fried says.

He claims that "numerous people" abroad, Orthodox and other, rabbis, teachers, lay people, communal leaders and youth, have sent letters of enquiry or encouragement, some also sending cash contributions.

"These include people who dissociate themselves politically from us and from the 'Whole Land of Israel' idea, but who write to say that our spirit has captured their imagination. They sense that we and what we are doing are at the roots of Jewish-Eretz Yisrael life."

Friends of Gush Emunim groups are now in various stages of organization in the U.S., Canada and England. In France and Belgium "they are discussing it." In the Gush's work with world Jewry, Rabbi Fried says, the basic premise is the Jewish right *and duty* to settle Eretz Yisrael.

"Jews abroad are not living in their natural place. The big punishment of being in Galut (Exile) is that Jews sometimes do not realize they *are* in Galut, and they stop dreaming and longing for Eretz Yisrael.

"The more we speak naturally of *our* natural rights, the more the nations of the world will understand and accept us," Rabbi Fried says. "We should stop our forced 'understanding' of the rights and interests of others, and stress that we are equals among equals in the international arena. True, we must strive to be the best, but first we have to be equal as a natural nation and state."

(This is the penultimate instalment of a series on Gush Emunim.)

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's statement ing out EEC aid for Italy if Communists included in the Government has cast the "ugly German" role, HERBERT LEVINE writes from Munich. The bl has spotted Schmidt's reputation and cut into his vote in the October election

Schmidt takes on ugly German role

EVERYONE IS TALKING about Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's remarkable statement in Washington, that an Italian government with Communist participation could hardly expect continued economic aid from its wealthier Common Market and NATO partners. . .

The Chancellor said that this had been discussed and more or less agreed upon during the recent Puerto Rican summit — a version challenged by other governments involved. But it is hard to see why Schmidt should be the one to bring up the matter in public.

He has, in the recent past, arranged large German credits to shore up the Italian economy. He has also made statements to the effect that a sizable Communist electoral gain in Italy followed by a Communist share in the government need be no great catastrophe for Western Europe or NATO. Now the Italian election has been held and a full Communist victory has been averted. Communist participation in the government being formed is not particularly likely.

And now Schmidt decides to interfere, in best "ugly German" manner, in the internal affairs of his Italian neighbours. Most European governments have responded negatively to the German intervention, and the Italian parties, including the Christian Democrats, have condemned Schmidt's pressure tactics.

It does seem odd that Schmidt, who has just arranged massive credits for Poland, and has made important concessions to the German Democratic Republic and Czechoslovakia, should come down so hard on the Communist Party of Italy. The CPI is among the most independent Communist parties in the world, fully committed (at least, in public) to democratic pluralism, and in any case the free choice of over 30 per cent of the Italian electorate.

Schmidt's comments have not only offended Italians, they have revived fears among his Common Market partners that wealthy West Germany is apt to exploit its economic leverage to win political domination of a "united Europe." This was a poor moment to drop such a brick, given the current difficult negotiations over direct elections to the European parliament, set to take place in 1978.

Furthermore, Schmidt has just responded very sharply to attacks coming from other Western European countries against West Germany's laws barring "radicals" from the civil service. These attacks he rejected as unwarranted interference with Germany's internal affairs. This is a line he will find some difficulty in taking again, after his statement on Italy.

SO WHY DID HE DO IT? Most commentators suppose that the statement was intended as a contribution to the West German election campaign. According to this view, Schmidt was worried about the "terrorism - radicalism-Communism" complex as an emotional election issue that might be used against the government.

The CDU opposition had at first been unsuccessful in raising the bogey. But the entire issue blew up in the face of the governing coalition, when four accused terrorists escaped from the women's prison in West Berlin.

The opposition has tried to the government look weak effectual, taking the jail-br just one example of su softness. It is supposed that decided to counteract this attack by bolstering government's image in anoth of the same general issue, by a strong anti-Communist sta

A statement on Italian munism has no logical co with a terrorist jail-break in but the connection may exi minds of the electorate, or guessed that Schmidt ca Schmidt went out of his wa sociate his party, once agai the Red Spectre.

It is unlikely that his rema help the coalition's electio paign; if anything, they wi harmful. Within his party, has further alienated the le left wing, which is wa developments in the Italia munist Party with interes with some sympathy.

And the opposition has begun to make capital out of dent. Chancellor-candidate Kohl of the CDU has sugge troubled Italy needs neig constructive advice, not threats.

Schmidt and the SPD have claimed that the CDU a Bavarian ally, the CSU, are to the German image abroad Josef Strauss in particular cused by the SPD of raising ghost of militaristic, author reactionary Germany. An Schmidt assumes the role o German" as if he were born

DID HE simply miscalcul seems more likely that he calculate at all, and th remarks on Italy were a spur moment error. Schmidt ha this before. It took him a long ive down his off-the-cuff telli old joke: "How many gears Italian tank have?" "Five forward and four reverse." Schmidt despises Italians, common enough German atti traditional prejudice reinfor bad experience with the Ital military allies.

And Schmidt, a "prag right-wing Social Democrat respect for Marxists of any certainly dislikes Communists ticularly Communists who Western European election ties. And so, in his bluff and manner, he decided to intro little "clarity," as Bonn ha into the discussion of the problem. In the process he foot in his mouth.

The chances for the go coalition to retain power a October 3 elections depe much on Schmidt's personal He has attracted electoral s despite his widely noted "warmth," because he exud petence. He cannot afford depicted as a blunderer.

The SPD's campaign has re ed German concern with the r image abroad, and has si foreign admiration of Wes many's prosperity and securi campaign has exploited Sch choice by London's *Financial* as "Man of the Year" to pro he is respected abroad. This Schmidt's reputation has no badly spotted for the first ti

READERS' LETTERS

WHY I VOTED FOR JIMMY CARTER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I spent the week previous to my departure for Israel at the Democratic National Convention as a delegate from Nassau County, Long Island, New York. I would like to share with your readers my reasons for casting my vote for the candidacy of Jimmy Carter as Democratic nominee for President of the United States, as I am sure your readers share what has been my concern for his position on Jewish issues.

Having been elected as a delegate committed to the candidacy of Senator Henry Jackson, I found myself in a quandary following Senator Jackson's withdrawal from the race. The Senator released us and recommended we vote for Governor Carter.

At a breakfast tendered by Senator Jackson for his delegates, we were introduced to Stuart Eizenstat, top issues adviser to Governor Carter. I and others from my delegation expressed to Mr. Eizenstat our concern for Governor Carter's position on Soviet Jewish emigration, human rights in the Soviet Union, and rumours in the American media that George Ball, no friend of Israel, was being considered for Secretary of State if Jimmy Carter were elected next November.

At Mr. Eizenstat's suggestion, a meeting with him was arranged the following day. Because of my years of involvement in the Soviet Jewry and human rights movement, I was asked by the delegates to argue that case. I found Mr. Eizenstat sympathetic and supportive. At the meeting's conclusion, Mr. Eizenstat volunteered to prepare immediately a statement from Governor Carter on the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate and on support for the implementation of that section of the Helsinki Agreement concerned with human rights. This statement was presented to us 20 minutes after the conclusion of the meeting. In addition, Mr. Eizenstat assured us that the rumour regarding George Ball was erroneous and that Governor Carter had not only not met with Mr. Ball for many, many months, but neither had he solicited nor received Ball's advice on Middle East matters.

This experience and other meetings with members of Governor Carter's staff, at their request, on these and similar issues, with the recommendation of our good friend, Senator Jackson, made it possible for us to cast our vote for Jimmy Carter with good conscience, loyal to the position on which we ran as delegates and to the constituency which elected us.

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